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INVASION OF YOUR PRIVACY

A COUNCIL chief has slammed government plans to make every town hall send out surveys requesting residents' private details and opinions.

Householders will be asked questions about their sexuality, ethnic and religious background, health and children. The surveys will be paid for using council tax.

Critics said it was yet another example of the Government being "nosy" and unnecessarily prying into people's private lives.

Local authorities have been given until February 8 to respond to the suggested content of the New Place Survey, which is expected to be trialled in the spring, before being launched in the autumn.

EXCLUSIVE

By **JAMIE McGINNES & PHIL REILLY**

But David Hughes, chief executive of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, said the scheme would be "intrusive" – and worthless.

He told Kent on Sunday: "We have a number of concerns about the content of the proposed survey and the way it is structured.

"We will be making a substantial number of comments in response to the Government's consultation as we believe the survey as drafted is intrusive and unlikely to produce data that will be of value in shaping council policies and services."

The Government said the questionnaire would be voluntary and was meant to gauge local residents' views on how well their council was doing, rather than simply a way of collecting personal information.

The Government said questions about sexual orientation and ethnicity would be used in initiatives to increase the number of local councillors from minority groups.

But Matthew Elliott, chief executive of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said the surveys would be "invasive" and "costly" and the idea should be scrapped.

"These surveys will be doubly damaging to Kent taxpayers," he said. "They will drive up council tax bills even further and they will pry into people's private lives for no good reason."

Mr Elliott added: "After the data loss

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BENAZIR Bhutto, who was assassinated in Pakistan on Thursday, visited Kent in August and gave a special interview to yourkenttv.co.uk about her vision to restore democracy to her homeland and the threat posed by suicide bombers.

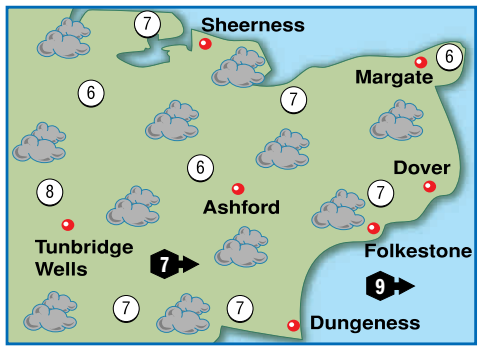
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Kent today



TODAY: It will be mostly dry with a little sunshine, especially during the morning, but rather a lot of mist and low cloud too. Foggy during the evening. Gentle westerly winds. Max temp 5-8C (41-46F).
TONIGHT: Patchy mist with the odd spot of drizzle. Gentle south-westerly winds. Min temp 2-5C (36-41F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	5	41	London	cloudy	8	46
Belfast	fair	9	48	Liverpool	cloudy	10	50
Birmingham	mist	6	43	Manchester	fair	7	45
B'mouth	fair	7	45	Newcastle	fair	5	41
Bristol	fair	9	48	Norwich	fair	8	46
Cardiff	cloudy	9	48	Oxford	fair	8	46
Cork	cloudy	9	48	Southsea	fair	8	46
Edinburgh	fair	3	37	S'hampton	cloudy	8	46
Glasgow	cloudy	6	43	Southport	sun	9	48
Isle of Man	cloudy	10	50	Swansea	cloudy	9	48
Leeds	fair	5	41	Torquay	cloudy	10	50

Sun & moon

Sunrise	8.02am	Sunset	3.53pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	11.59pm	Moonset	11.03am	3.53pm to 8.02am

High Tides

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Dover	02.58	6.2	15.27	5.7	03.46	6.0	16.21	5.5
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St Mary's	08.57	5.0	21.24	4.6	09.46	4.7	22.17	4.4

Week ahead

monday Partly cloudy. max 9C min 4C
tuesday Cloudy. Rain. max 9C min 3C
wednesday Rain, some heavy. max 6C min 2C
thursday Cloudy. Rain. max 5C min 2C
friday Clearing later. max 7C min 5C
saturday Grey. Drizzly. max 8C min 4C

Retailers hail festive period great success

SHOPPERS surprised retailers by turning out in their droves over the Christmas period.

The increase in online shopping over recent years and fears of rising consumer debt had led many retailers to fear the worst in the run up to Christmas, but the fears proved largely unfounded.

Shopping centres across Kent welcomed more shoppers than last year, both in the weeks leading up to Christmas and when the sales started on Boxing Day.

The county's largest shopping centre, Bluewater, said the number of shoppers was up on last year both before and after Christmas.

Product

Andrew Parkinson, general manager of Bluewater, said retailers had been braced for a tight Christmas period.

He said: "With Christmas Day falling on Tuesday, we were expecting a peak in sales over the last weekend and Christmas Eve with many people cramming in last-minute shopping.

"Compared to last year, our footfall figures were up and these exceeded all expectations.

"Strong retail brands continue to perform well, sales at House of Fraser and Webster's Pen Shop are evidence that money is being spent where the public feels it is getting a good quality product at a reasonable cost."

Mr Parkinson said the first day of the sales had also been a surprisingly big hit, with "single to double digit growth" in shopper numbers compared to last year.

He added: "Shoppers have been hitting the sales early to snatch up the bargains. Guests at Bluewater were queuing for up to an hour before opening.

"River Island, Boots and House of Fraser each had queues of more than 200 people when their doors opened.

"Even before stores opened, the coffee shops and restaurants were busy serving breakfast, and continued to be busy throughout the day."

Bluewater was not the only shopping centre welcoming more shoppers than expected.

Jean York, spokeswoman for Hempstead Valley shopping centre near Gillingham, said it had enjoyed "a bumper couple of weeks".

She added: "This weekend just gone was manic and even on Christmas Eve, when it is usually busy in the morning and then goes quiet at about 1pm, this year it just didn't die."

Some reports have claimed up to a million pounds was spent every minute across the UK during trading hours on Boxing Day. Much of this has been put down to an increase in discounts on products.

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Survey 'is not about collecting personal data' says minister

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scandals of recent weeks, the last thing anyone should be doing is gathering even more private information into public sector hands.

"We need less tax, less bureaucracy and less nosy government – not more."

But in a statement given to KoS, Local Government Minister John Healey defended the New Place Survey.

"This survey is entirely voluntary and is about hearing people's views and opinions about their local council and services – not collecting personal data," he said.

"It is right that we ensure councils are asking local people what their concerns and priorities are, whether it's tackling gangs and antisocial behaviour, improving parks or dealing with litter and graffiti.

SAMPLE OF THE SURVEY'S PROPOSED QUESTIONS...

- **Over the past 12 months would you say your health has on the whole been a) good b) fairly good or c) not good?**
- **Do you consider yourself to be a) heterosexual or straight b) gay or lesbian c) bisexual d) other or e) prefer not to say?**
- **In general would you say you are treated with respect when a) at work b) at school or college c) using public transport or d) using health services? Answers range from 'all of the time' to 'never' and 'does not apply'.**
- **How much of a problem are parents not taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children? Answers range from 'very big problem' to 'not a problem at all'.**
- **How much of a problem are teenagers hanging around the streets? Answers range from 'very big problem' to 'not a problem at all'.**

"That is what local leadership is about."

Mr Healey added: "Our proposal is clear: councils will use postal surveys, saving them nearly £10 million compared with the current system, which could be used to improve services or reduce council tax bills.

"Privacy and data protection safeguards will apply and personal data will not be published."

KoS gave all Kent councils the opportunity to voice their opinion on the New Place Survey. Most merely confirmed they would be taking part.

Under proposals unveiled in October, council tax inspectors will be given the right to go into people's homes, take photographs and decide if they should pay more.

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Grandson is held over gran's death

A YOUNG man has been remanded in custody after being accused of stabbing his grandmother to death on Christmas Day.

Maxwell Twyman, 24, of Conyngham Close, Ramsgate, appeared before magistrates on Thursday charged with the murder of Valerie Twyman, 62.

Neighbour Ray Sarratt, 66, said: "Everyone loved Val and she loved all the kids. She will be sorely missed. No one deserved to die like that."

Mr Twyman is due before Maidstone Crown Court on January 11.

A post-mortem examination carried out on Boxing Day discovered the woman died from stab wounds to the chest and abdomen.

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Taking it to the Taliban

Sappers played vital role in fierce battle in Afghanistan

EXCLUSIVE

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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A SENIOR Army officer has revealed the key role played by Kent-based troops in one of the largest battles of the war in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard Wardlaw, commanding officer of Maidstone's 36 Engineer Regiment, spoke to Kent on Sunday this week from the dangerous Helmand Province.

He said soldiers believed "significant inroads" were being made in the fight against the Taliban, but warned that it would take "several years" to win the war.

Earlier this month, the 320 men commanded by Lt Col Wardlaw were involved in the recapture of the Taliban's most strategically important stronghold in the region, Musa Qala.

Explosives

The assault by thousands of soldiers has been described as the biggest ever undertaken by British troops in Afghanistan.

Speaking from Helmand's provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, Lt Col Wardlaw, 40, explained how, as the main infantry force advanced on Musa Qala, Kent troops built bridges for vehicles and soldiers to cross the many irrigation canals in the area and used explosives to break through walls.

They also had the job of blowing up the remains of enemy shells fired at them.

"Those activities are invariably conducted close to the enemy, if not actually under enemy fire," said Lt Col Wardlaw.

At least 20 Taliban fighters were killed during the assault on Musa Qala, which was led by Afghan government forces. One British and one American soldier died.

After the bullets stopped flying, 36 Engineer Regiment destroyed enemy defensive positions such as bunkers and trenches and any weapons left behind.

And troops found weapons factories in the town and seized seven tonnes of heroin – a quarter of all heroin found in Afghanistan in the last year.

Lt Col Wardlaw said spirits were high among British troops.

"There is a very powerful sense here in Helmand that we are making significant inroads in the fight against the Taliban."

But the father-of-two, who lives with his wife at Invicta Barracks in Maidstone, said the war was far from won.

"We're not going to solve the problem overnight. This is going to take several years to put the Taliban in such a position that they are really no longer an effective force."

And he revealed that morale had not always been high. The deaths of two soldiers – Lance Corporal Ivano Violino, 29, on September 17 and Lance Corporal Jake Alderton, 22, on November 9 – came as a shock.

"The initial blow to the regiment was huge," said Lt Col Wardlaw. "It was a very difficult time for the men, but what was remarkable was the speed at which they pulled themselves together and showed real fortitude and professionalism."

The regiment is planning to remember the dead men with a church service in Maidstone, and is to consult families about the idea for a memorial.



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

TAKING CONTROL: A British soldier patrols Musa Qala, scene of a huge battle to force the Taliban out of its stronghold in the town of Musa Qala in the Helmand Province

Troops enjoyed a Christmas dinner served by officers

FOR many British soldiers in the more remote bases of Afghanistan, Christmas dinner consisted of whatever was in their ration packs.

Kent-based troops from 36 Engineer Regiment, however, were luckier. In Lashkar Gah, Helmand's provincial capital, they tucked into Christmas dinner with all the trimmings – served up by officers.

They had a carol service and opened presents sent by the British public – many of them from the Maidstone area.

Lt Col Richard Wardlaw said: "All these presents and parcels that have been sent out to us have really made a huge difference to morale."

But New Year's Eve tomorrow will be a much more sombre affair, he said.

"It'll pretty much be business as normal I'm afraid. There's obviously no alcohol in theatre so there's no celebrating in that respect.

"As the clock turns midnight we'll all be thinking of home I'm sure."

Soldiers from 36 Engineer Regiment spent Christmas shoring up the defences at Musa Qala. They are also preparing for a very wet Afghan winter, while helping with local reconstruction work to build new schools, hospitals, mosques and roads.

They are expected to return to Kent in February or March.

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SAFE HAVEN: Gurkhas building a Sangar defensive structure at the Musa Qala compound

Gurkhas secure area

GURKHAS from Kent have spent Christmas building defences in the newly recaptured Afghan town of Musa Qala.

Troops from 69 Gurkha Field Squadron, 36 Engineer Regiment, were tasked with constructing a perimeter fence and observation towers – under the constant threat of mortar, rocket and small arms fire.

Captain Dev Gurung, 40, who is in charge of the soldiers carrying out the building work, said the current campaign in Helmand Province was the toughest of five operational tours he has been on.

"The combined threat and engineering challenge is unsurpassed – almost definitely the hardest task I've ever had to deliver during my 20 years of service."

Major Mark Bower said: "The engineers are allowing the Afghan Army to operate and remain in Musa Qala and that's what we need to get across to the civilians."



RATIONS: A Gurkha cooking dinner after another hard day in the Helmand Province

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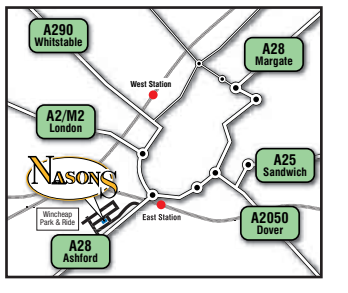
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‘Government needs to provide security to citizens so they don’t get killed by suicide bombers’



MURDERED: Political leader Benazir Bhutto

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ON THE last visit to Britain by murdered politician Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani opposition leader spoke to yourkenttv.co.uk about her fears that suicide bombers were the major threat to her nation.

She warned how the country’s military dictatorship could destabilise her homeland even further.

Ms Bhutto made the comments during a visit to Medway in August to support Conservative parliamentary candidate Rehman Chishti.

Days later she returned to Pakistan from self-imposed exile to enter power-sharing talks with Pervez Musharaff, leader of the military regime.

This week, she was killed by a suicide bomber in the Punjabi city of Rawalpindi – the headquarters of Pakistan’s armed forces and a massive garrison city.

In her interview with KoS, Ms Bhutto, 54, said she blamed the current administration for the rise in suicide bombing attacks – such as the one that would later kill her.

Ms Bhutto said: “I believe the restoration of democracy in Pakistan can be a very powerful way to undermine the forces of extremism.”

She then explained she strongly backed a return to the ballot paper across the troubled nation.

“I think militancy has thrived in Pakistan under military dictatorships. It was during the military dictatorships of the 1980s that the mujahedin were established and they comprised some of the most fanatical and extreme elements of the Afghan resistance and it is during another military dictatorship that we have seen the rise of suicide bombers within Pakistan.

“I fear a military regime needs an external threat in order to justify itself being in power.

“It doesn’t have the same motivation to go after militant extremist elements as a representative Government.

“A representative Government needs to look after people as it is answerable to the people in a general election.

“It needs to be able to provide security to citizens so they don’t get killed by suicide bombers.”

The talk with Ms Bhutto took place among tight security at the Rochester Corn Exchange and can be viewed on our broadband video service, at www.yourkenttv.

During the interview, Ms Bhutto also outlined her vision for her home country.

Militants

She said: “First of all, the rule of law must be restored to the tribal areas of Pakistan which are perceived by many as safe havens for terrorists and pro-Taliban elements.

“Second, the campaign against the drug trade which is funding and fuelling terrorism must be intensified.

“Third, there must be a reform of the madrassas as they are using the name madrassa – which means school – as a decoy for a training camp for militants spreading hate against other religions.”

Ms Bhutto was the first woman to lead a Muslim state and was twice elected Prime Minister of Pakistan.

She was sworn in for the first time in 1988 but removed from office 20 months later under orders of then-president Ghulam Ishaq Khan on corruption charges.

In 1993 Ms Bhutto was re-elected but was again removed three years later on similar allegations, this time by President Farooq Leghari. She went into exile, living in Dubai and London, until she returned to Pakistan this autumn after reaching an understanding with the country’s military ruler General Pervez Musharraf.

She remained committed to restoring democracy until her death on December 27 in a combined suicide bomb attack and shooting during a political rally.

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Aide mourns his mentor Bhutto

A POLITICAL advisor to Benazir Bhutto has paid tribute to a woman he called his “dear friend, mentor and mother”.

Medway city councillor and Gillingham Tory parliamentary candidate Rehman Chishti had been an advisor to Ms Bhutto and continued to work with her right up to her death alongside his council and candidate roles.

He told Kent on Sunday: “I have lost a dear friend who was not just a political friend – she was more like a mother.

“She was my mentor too.



LOSS: Rehman Chishti, 28

When I went to work for her in 1999 she was my mentor.

“She was the greatest politician I ever could have worked with – sincere, humble and down to earth.

“The world has suffered a great loss. I worked her as an advisor from 1999 when I was just in my 20s until the present day – right up to the day she died.

“She showed what sort of a person she was by coming to support me in my work in Medway.

“At the time she expressed how much our community had achieved and how we could all work together in the local towns.

“I am deeply shocked and saddened.

“My heart goes out to her three children and husband. I can’t believe she has gone.”



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Outrage over doctor's claim heroin addiction is a 'moral weakness'

A CONTROVERSIAL new book calling for a radical overhaul in the treatment of heroin addiction has sparked outrage in Kent, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Junk Medicine: Doctors, Lies and the Addiction Bureaucracy calls for drug addiction clinics to be axed and for medical intervention only to be given to people with abscesses, hepatitis and Aids as a result of intravenous drug use.

Author Theodore Dalrymple claims the current policy of providing rehabilitation programmes using the heroin substitute methadone has done nothing but add to the growing numbers of addicts.

Dalrymple says that addiction is simply a "moral weakness", not an illness. For him the addict is a "bad person" who "imposes severe costs on others without giving anything in return".

Alex Stevens, who is a senior researcher at the University of Kent specialising in treatment for dependent drug users in Kent and across Europe, described Dalrymple's assertion that heroin addiction was a moral weakness as a "dangerous over-simplification".

He said: "While some people can use heroin without developing patterns of dependence, others, especially those who have mental health problems, personal experience of abuse and bereavement, and little opportunity for fulfilling careers, cannot.

"For these people, treatment, including substitution [methadone], can be very useful in helping them to reduce their drug use, offending and other problems.

"Part of the solution would be not to stigmatise addiction by calling it a 'moral weakness' because that would only serve to increase rather than reduce drug addiction."

Dr Stevens said his research has shown that preventing people accessing heroin treatment and support services would be "disastrous".

"There would be a rise in the number of drug-related deaths and HIV infections," he said. "In Spain until the early 90s they did not have methadone treatment and had the highest rates of HIV in Europe.

"They introduced a comprehensive programme and since then HIV infections have fallen substantially."

Dr Stevens said there was evidence nationally that levels of heroin abuse have stabilised.

And in some areas where 'shooting up' is endemic, he said fewer people are starting to use heroin.

He added: "Treatment is one of the few areas with good evidence to show that is does work."

Joe O'Rourke is the detox manager at Bridge House in Dartford, which is run by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust and has 16 beds to treat drug addicts.

He said: "We take in heroin users who are making a firm commitment to make a change in their lives.

"We do not pamper them or see them as victims. They have taken a responsible view towards their problems."

He said the families of drug users would be particularly upset to hear Dalrymple's views.

"Everyone deserves the chance, if they've got a problem, to get help," he said. "I think it is a terrible comment to judge all addicts as being 'bad'. If my son ever got addicted I would like to think there were units like this rather than nothing at all. People forget they are all someone's son or daughter.

"Lots of people, who because of their addiction have done atrocious things like stealing, contribute a huge amount to society once they have come off heroin."

Mr O'Rourke added: "A lot of people will be using drugs because of issues in their lives. They have a lot of underlying issues which could include bullying at school, parents splitting up, alcoholic mothers or fathers, sexual and physical abuse. They are using drugs to black out the reality, so there has to be somewhere to treat the symptoms or nothing will change."

Estimates from most recent surveys say there are around 4,500 heroin users in Kent, with around 2,000 of those injecting.

CASE STUDY

A HEROIN user who is receiving treatment for his addiction has responded to Theodore Dalrymple's assertions.

James Smith is doing a 14-day detox at Bridge House in Dartford. He spoke frankly to Kent on Sunday about his addiction.

He said that although he couldn't blame his addiction on anything, he did witness a traumatic event when he was younger.

"I saw my auntie get killed in front of me when I was seven. A drunk driver came up on the path. I know I can't blame my addiction on that, but I blamed myself that she died," said Mr Smith.

"I was only young, but I still felt maybe I could have done something. The memories of that day don't stop. We have all got issues and problems, but some of us cope better than others. I did not cope well with it and took the wrong road."

He was 17 when he first tried heroin after starting to smoke cannabis while at school – he said he wanted to feel part of something.

"I was carrying around a lot of hurt and pain and guilt. I wanted to cover those feelings up. I have been looking for something all my life. It made me feel warm, happy and content. I could blank out all the sadness.

"It started as once a week, then a couple of times a week and before you know it heroin has a hold of you. It is very powerful and if it wasn't for places like this I would be dead. You need the help and support.

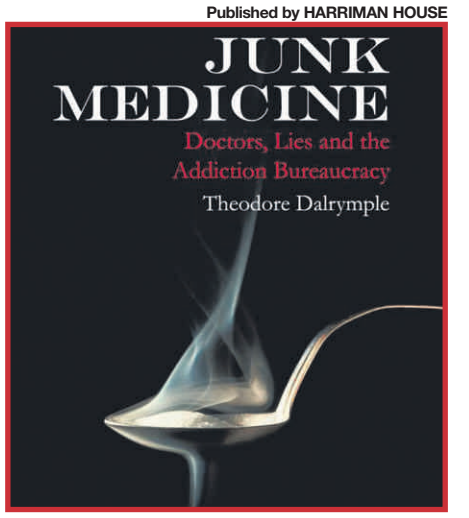
"If there were not people like counsellors and people that understand and try and help the world would be a much worse place," he said.

The 33-year-old has had several relapses while trying to get clean, but he feels this time he wants it enough to be successful and is going on to spend a year at a rehabilitation clinic.

"We are not all bad people. I've listened to other addicts who have got clean and I'd like to help others because I've been through it and I'd like to give back," he added.

• ***The addict's name has been changed.***

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STRONG WORDS: The writer's new book has caused much controversy

THEODORE Dalrymple worked as a prison psychiatrist in Birmingham for 15 years dealing with up to 20 drug addicts a day.

He has written books on culture, art, politics, education and medicine.

The 58-year-old, whose real name is Anthony Daniels, has also worked as a psychiatrist in Africa.

A frequent argument of his work is that progressive liberal views undermine individual responsibility.

The right-wing author claims this has contributed to the creation of an underclass where violence, criminality, sexual promiscuity, welfare dependency and drug abuse are prevalent.

He left England in 2005 and now lives with his wife in France.

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Film star making most of Gravesend schooling

By **PHIL REILLY**
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ONE of the hottest new talents to hit the big screen has put her days as a Kent schoolgirl to good use in her breakthrough role.

Gemma Arterton, 21, stars in St Trinian's, a remake of the 1954 hit The Belles of St Trinian's, which hit cinema screens this festive period.

Miss Arterton, who went to Gravesend Grammar School for Girls before heading to top stage school Rada, made her stage debut as Rosaline in Love's Labours Lost at the Globe Theatre before beating off competition from the likes of Sienna Miller for the role in St Trinian's.

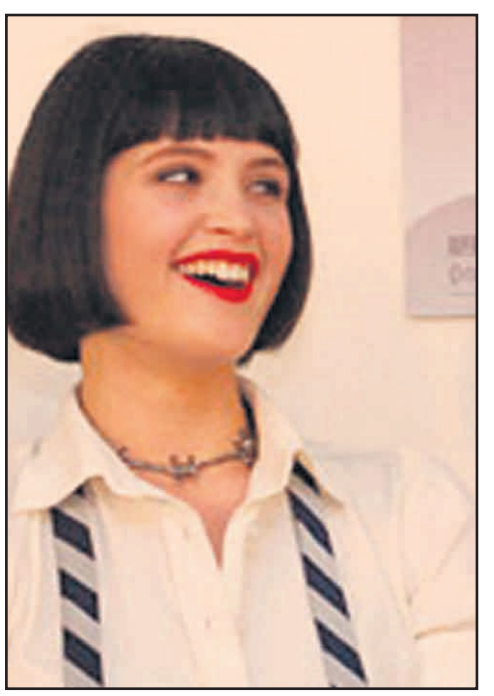
Her next step is to join the illustrious ranks of the Bond girls when filming starts for the 22nd as-yet-unnamed James Bond film next month, a part she was picked for above 1,500 young actresses.

In St Trinian's she plays Kelly, the head girl, opposite Colin Firth, Rupert Everett, Russell Brand and Girls Aloud.

Speaking to the Evening Standard, Miss Arterton said the film was more about girl power than the sexualisation of schoolgirls.

She said: "It's the message we really want to push. I don't think there's a point in the film where the girls aren't in control: they're doing the trampling rather than being trampled on.

"You don't need to show flesh to get attention. My character is womanly but sophisticated."



GIRL POWER: Actress Gemma Arterton

She landed the role in the new Bond film with no little help from her agent Sally Long-Innes, who also represents Daniel Craig.

It is her agent who has proved the guiding hand in her career thus far, advising her to turn to the big screen after her stint on stage as Rosaline.

Miss Arterton continued: "She said 'If you do this big film, it will open the doors for all these other brilliant things. But you have to do the big film first'.

"It's like the Keira Knightley thing: everyone ridiculed her for doing the Pirates films, but she's getting great parts now. She can choose whatever she wants.

"I think it's difficult for a young girl like me, because there's a certain time for young actresses, which is like a really juicy period when all the parts are love interests and young heroines.

"Of course, there's always work for men whatever age they are. So I'm really going to go for it. And if it all goes wrong, I'll go and do panto!"

As well as St Trinian's and Bond, Miss Arterton will also be hitting the screens in a British comedy called Three and Out with Imelda Staunton, Antony Sher and Dartford-born MacKenzie Crook, which is due out in 2008.

ST TRINIAN'S has received mixed reviews in the press.

The Daily Telegraph's Tim Robey called it "camp fun", summing it up with the words "crude, rude, lewd – but funny, and that'll do nicely".

James Christopher of The Times also liked the film, giving it four out of five stars and describing it as a "spiky, topical joy".

However, the Daily Mail gave it just two stars out of five, surmising that it was "quite fun, without being any good".

Anthony Quinn of The Independent gave it an equally dismal two stars, as did Sam Toy of Empire magazine who said it was let down by "dreadfully clunky filmmaking".

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Goodbye to the year

THE year of 2007 was packed full of up and downs, highs and lows and everything in between. Today, Kent on Sunday looks back on some of the highlights and key events of the year, in the worlds of nature, politics, entertainment and life in our fine county.

It has been a successful year for KOS Media, the publisher of Kent on Sunday, with the launch of eight new free papers and websites and a broadband TV channel. And in November, your favourite county newspaper was again named Britain's best free weekly newspaper. Editor Bernard Ginns said: "I would like to thank all our readers and advertisers for your continued support throughout 2007. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year."





JAN 2007

● CANTERBURY Cathedral has been described as 'England in stone'. And, due to the effects of old age and pollution, it is crumbling, said campaigners hoping to raise £50 million to save the ancient and iconic Kent landmark.

The fighting fund grew throughout the year, thanks to various fundraising projects.

● MOST of Kent's road users have been caught up in the chaos caused by Operation Stack, when police partially close the M20 every time the ports of Dover or Calais stop working.

Kent County Council indicated it had shortlisted three sites for use as a giant lorry park. But 12 months on, we are still awaiting news.

● MILLIONAIRE Tory donor Stuart Wheeler made the shock announcement he was considering giving money to the Eurosceptic UK Independence Party.

The spread-bet tycoon, who owns Chilham Castle, said he wanted the Tory Party to take a harder line on Europe.

The Kent on Sunday revelation sent shockwaves through Westminster and was the top item in all major news bulletins the following day.

FEB 2007

● IT is a rather depressing fact of modern life that most of us are affected by crime at some points in our lives.

But some stories really do drive home the sheer callousness of criminals.

KoS interviewed the partially blind widow of a war hero who had been left distraught after thieves broke into her home and stole his medals.

Commander Guy Clarabut, a submarine captain, was awarded a Distinguished Service Order, Distinguished Service Cross and two Military Crosses for his valiant and brave actions during World War Two.

Like many others, he risked his life to preserve our freedom – a freedom later abused by people who break into houses and steal treasured, priceless items.

● THE Bishop of Rochester warned that Britain could return to a "form of barbarism" if the decline of Christianity continued.

And he warned that unless the nation paid heed to its spiritual roots it may find itself unable to resist a rise in Islamic ideology.

Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali described Islam as the biggest threat facing the West since communism and called on the Government to stop being embarrassed of identifying with the nation's Christian roots.

Bishop Michael said: "It is not the Christian faith I am worried about, it is this country. What will this country do if it abandons what has become its bedrock?"

● THE singer James Morrison visited Kent to play a low-key gig in Canterbury as a guest of Invicta FM's excellent Live at the Local series. Mr Morrison wowed fans as he played an intimate set at the ABode hotel's pub. Later that week the charismatic 22-year-old was named the Best British Solo Artist at the Brit Awards.

MAR 2007

● LOCAL government in Ashford and the regional development agency became mired in a pornography scandal in March. Martin Bacon was the £100,000 managing director of Ashford's Future, the quango set up to deliver regeneration and jobs.

He suddenly resigned and nobody at Ashford Borough Council or the South East England Development Agency were prepared to say why.

Nor would they comment on the terms of his departure following a series of claims made by the Wat Tyler website.

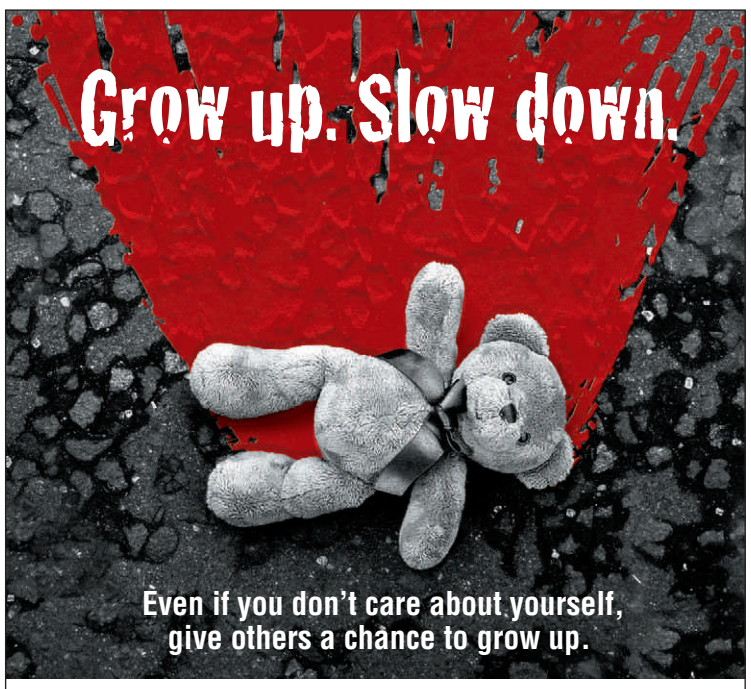
Finally, council leader Paul Clokie stepped forward and confirmed to KoS that Mr Bacon had indeed been caught downloading pornography on his office computer.

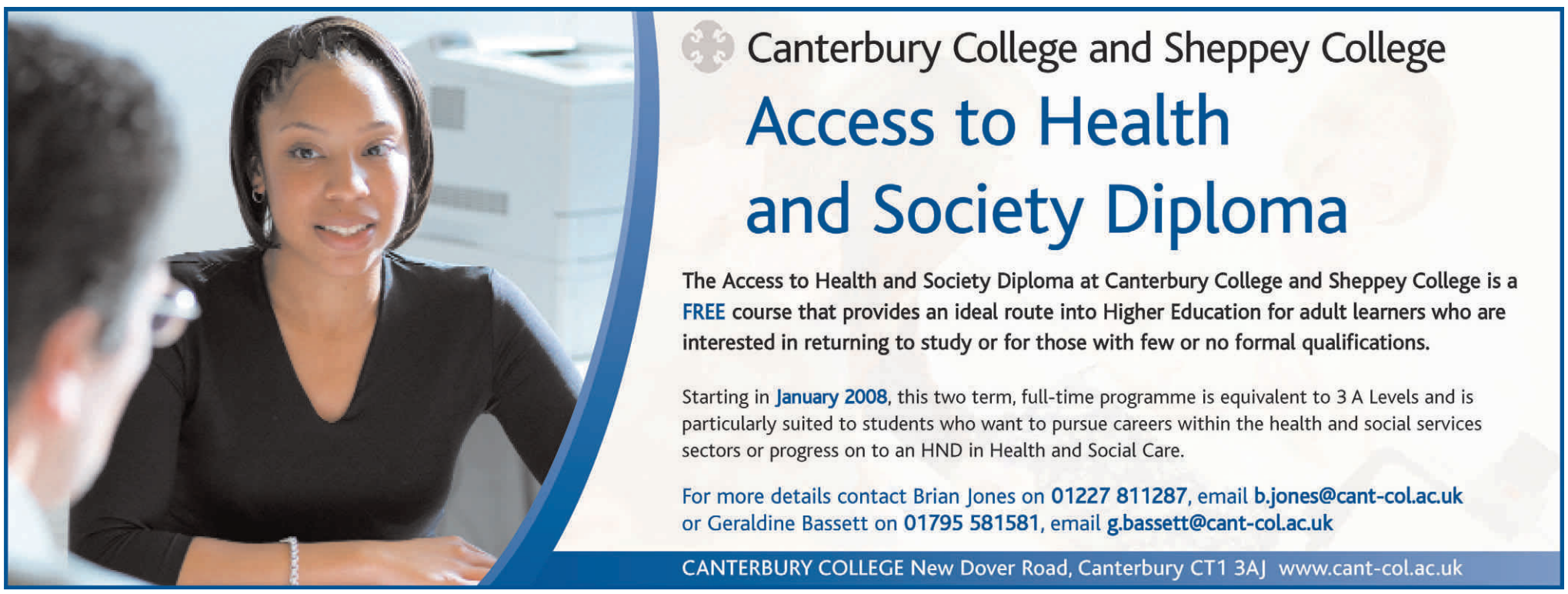
● NEARLY £2m of taxpayers' money was being paid to council bosses in Kent every year, KoS revealed.

Our investigation into local authority pay packets revealed how nearly all of the county's 16 chief executives enjoyed salaries of around £100,000 a year.

The biggest local authority earner in the county was Kent County Council chief executive Peter Gilroy, who was paid £230,000 a year – more than the Prime Minister.

● KENT County Council came under fire for spending £90,000 on a failed scheme to set up passenger flights to America.





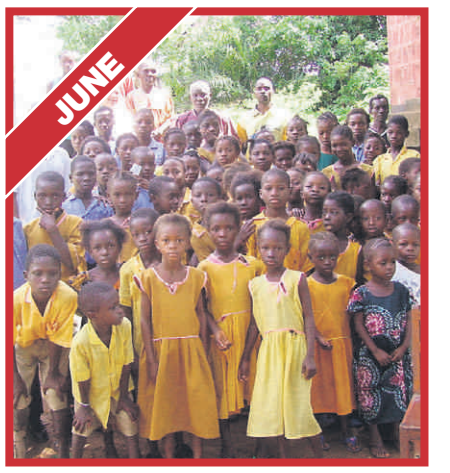
last 12 months and relive the highs and lows of county life

that was 2007









Tour operator Cosmos was forced to cancel all scheduled flights from Kent International Airport to Virginia after selling just 10 per cent of seats in five months.

The county council lost all of its investment in the service, and was slammed for becoming financially involved in the high-risk project.

The loss came less than two years after EUjet went bust. KCC had also invested £100,000 in that failed venture.

APR 2007

● SOME of Kent's prized historic attractions could have been forced to close – because of bonkers new EU rules. A recent EU directive scores sites according to their historical significance.

It was intended to ensure all countries are equally served by historic attractions.

Jean-Paul Bouffon, an MEP from Luxembourg, has called for large points deductions from landmarks associated with past conflicts between EU members – putting a number of sites in Kent at potential risk, such as Dover Castle and Chartwell.

The name of the directive? Allocated Points Reference Index, Level 1, or APRIL 1.

● PEOPLE in east Kent were given a rude awakening on Saturday, April 28, when an earthquake damaged buildings and cut off power supplies.

The tremor, which measured 4.3 on the Richter Scale, struck at 8.19am and caused an estimated £20m insurance bill. Thousands of homes were left temporarily without power in and around Folkestone and Dover.

It was the biggest earthquake to hit the UK since 2002 in Dudley, and the strongest in the Dover Straits, where it had its epicentre, since 1950.

● THRILLER writer David Hewson published his account of the battle to prevent the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at Wye from being covered in thousands of homes.

Saved told of the campaign fought against Imperial College, Kent County Council and Ashford Borough Council, which were working together to push through plans for a massive housing estate and a science park at Wye.

One of the reviews said: "This book is invaluable for any community, rural or otherwise, whose way of life and environment is being threatened by seemingly overwhelming firepower and resources."

MAY 2007

● THE deputy leader of Kent County Council was in the American state of Virginia helping to celebrate the Queen's state visit.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were marking the 400th anniversary of the founding of the first English-speaking settlement in the United States – at Jamestown.

The Royal couple saw a reconstruction of the fort built by the first settlers and met senior US dignitaries including Vice President Dick Cheney.

KCC's Cllr Alex King led a Kent delegation to Virginia.

● KENT on Sunday exposed the injustice of how one third of the county's care homes only got 'adequate' or 'poor' ratings.

Age Concern, Britain's largest charity for old people, said standards at many of the homes were "just not good enough".

Of 359 nursing and personal care homes inspected in Kent, three had to have enforcement action taken against them, 30 were rated 'poor' and '106' were said to be 'adequate', according to the Commission for Social Care Inspection.

But KCC pointed out that 60 per cent of homes were assessed as 'good' or 'excellent' and less than 10 per cent were 'poor'.

● A POLL by Kent on Sunday showed Tory MPs in the county were overwhelmingly in favour of keeping grammar schools.

And seven out of 15 even said they would like to see more built – in defiance of the Conservative leadership, which had ruled out a new generation of the schools.

Tory leader David Cameron had said there would be "no return" to the days of building grammars. Instead, he wanted to see more city academies, the privately sponsored state schools.

JUN 2007

● TONY Blair congratulated Kent on Sunday and its readers for our campaign to help the village of Kent in Sierra Leone.

The message of support from the Prime Minister came after KoS delivered a tonne of donated schoolbooks and educational materials to the war-torn country.

In an exclusive article, Mr Blair praised the "fantastic generosity" of our readers and said he was delighted to give his personal support to this "very worthwhile cause". It was Mr Blair's final week in power, before stepping down.

Kent village chief Tunde Savage said to KoS readers: "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

● THE Home Office sparked anger and incomprehension over its decision to deport the former professional cricketer Hartley Alleyne.

This newspaper was inundated with messages of support for the 50-year-old father of two, who used to play cricket for the West Indies, Worcestershire and Kent.

In recent years, he has been teaching Kent youngsters how to play the game.

Mr Alleyne was refused a work permit and told to leave after the Home Office ruled his experience did not equate to the two A-levels needed to coach and work as a boarding assistant at St Edmund's School in Canterbury.

● VETERAN paratrooper Mark Eyles-Thomas recalled the horrors of war in an interview with KoS to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Falklands War.

The 42-year-old, from Birling, told of how he cradled a dying friend on the frozen slopes of Mount Longdon.

It was the bloodiest land battle waged by the British Army since the Korean War in the 1950s.

The men of 3 Para fought for control of the frost-covered strategic mount, which barred the way to the capital Port Stanley.

That night 23 paratroopers paid the ultimate price, including three of Mr Eyles-Thomas' close friends.

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The mugging took place in Hampton Road, Maidstone, just after midnight on December 2.

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JUL 2007

● SOME village pubs could be forced to close by the smoking ban which came into force at the start of July, it was claimed.

The Kent-based head of a national publicans' group warned traditional community pubs that do not serve food were most at risk.

Godfrey Page, chairman of the Guild of Master Victuallers, which represents hundreds of pubs nationally, said the ban would inevitably lead to some closures.

"The margins often with people in tenant and leased pubs are so small that a small reduction in turnover will lead them to say, 'It's not worth it anymore'."

It became illegal to smoke in nearly all enclosed public spaces, including offices, factories, bars and pubs.

● BIG Daddy, Tommy Cooper, Ozzy Osbourne and the Queen have all appeared there in the eight decades since it first opened.

A colourful assortment of characters from the world of showbiz and beyond have visited Leas Cliff Hall, in Folkestone, which celebrated its 80th birthday on July 13.

In 1924, it was decided that a suitably large and majestic entertainment hall was needed to match Folkestone's reputation as a premier holiday resort. Work began on the new seafront building the following year and it was completed in 1927.

● THE Sierra Leone blind school choir's concert at Canterbury Cathedral was hailed as a triumph.

Around 700 people watched the magical performance by the choir from the Milton Margai School for the Blind.

The Lieutenancy of Kent, which represents the Queen in the county, described the show as "truly uplifting" and "inspiring".

The choir received a standing ovation at the finale. Audience members then donated more than £3,000 to the school.

Kent on Sunday organised the concert with the UK charity that supports the school.

AUG 2007

● HOLLYWOOD star Matt Damon praised the director Paul Greengrass, who grew up in Kent.

The Bourne Ultimatum, directed by Greengrass and starring Damon in the title role, opened nationwide at cinemas in August.

Damon told Kent on Sunday: "Paul's style about not interfering in what's happening – it comes out of his documentary film-making."

Of Greengrass' decision to direct The Bourne Ultimatum, Damon said: "That was my cue to sign up because he didn't need to direct the third Bourne film. He's about as white hot as you can get in Hollywood standards."

● AN ARMY sniper revealed for the first time details of a ferocious battle in Iraq involving Kent-based troops.

Sergeant Dan Mills is a member of 1st Battalion, the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment (1WPRR), which has its regimental headquarters in Canterbury.

He wrote a best-selling book about his experience of the Siege of Cimic House in August, 2004.

He and a small company of 100 British soldiers held onto a remote base in the town of Al Amarah, in the Maysan province, while fanatical soldiers from the Mahdi Army attempted to dislodge them.

● TV actor Chris Langham was found guilty of 15 counts of making indecent images of children.

Langham, of Cranbrook, was later jailed for 10 months, though the sentence was later reduced on appeal.

SEP 2007

● NINETY patients died as a result of contracting the superbug Clostridium difficile at hospitals run by the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, according to a damning report from the Healthcare Commission.

The watchdog said there was "a litany of errors" in infection control and criticised the lack of leadership at the trust.

The trust's chief executive Rose Gibb resigned shortly before the report was made public.

● A GROWING number of families were facing unmanageable levels of debt – and experts warned the situation would escalate.

Many families faced a 'triple whammy' of bills in September from back-to-school expenses, credit card statements for summer holidays and rising mortgage rates.

Nationally, the amount of people losing their homes to debt was up by nearly a third on 2006's figures as a result of interest rates increasing, the commission said.

● LORD Deedes' youngest daughter, Lucy, spoke of her sadness on ending the family's ties with the county after their home was put up for sale.

The former Ashford MP and Daily Telegraph editor, who died aged 94, had lived in the picturesque country house known as New Hayters in Aldington since 1946, but went on the market in September for £750,000.

The family's connection with Kent goes even further, with three of Lord Deedes' ancestors serving as Members of Parliament in the 19th century.

● A CAMPAIGN was launched to have the town of Dover given the highest civilian award for bravery for its role during World War Two.

Its supporters called on the Government to award the town the George Cross medal, an idea first mooted by the Lord Mayor of London in September 1944.

Vote for your favourite Kentish food and drink

The search is on for the County's best food and drink in the annual Taste of Kent awards. Produced in Kent - Which runs the coveted county food and drink honours - has teamed up with Kosmedia to urge our readers to get involved in voting for their favourite brewers, butchers, vineyard, restaurants and pubs.
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6) KENT PUB 2007: Pub demonstrating active local sourcing.

7) KENT LOCAL FOOD RETAILER 2007: Kent-based retailer that demonstrates active local sourcing.

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9) KENT FOOD PRODUCT 2007: An individual product made by a Kent food producer.

10) KENT SEAFOOD RETAILER 2007: Kent-based seafood retailer that demonstrates active local sourcing

11) KENT FARMERS' MARKET 2007

YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2007

This last category will be awarded following a competition in association with the Abode Hotel, Canterbury.

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news stories and characters that dominated headlines in Kent on Sunday in 2007?



The campaigners won the backing of Labour Deputy Leader Harriet Harman and Dame Vera Lynn, the wartime forces sweetheart.

OCT 2007

● MUCH-LOVED radio presenter Julie Maddocks bid an emotional farewell to her listeners after being axed from her afternoon slot by BBC bosses.

Her dismissal had caused uproar among her colleagues at BBC Radio Kent's headquarters in Tunbridge Wells.

One told KoS: "It was not Julie's choice to go and it is incredibly sad."

● WHEN Tony Blair bought Gordon Brown an ice cream in Gillingham ahead of the last general election some of his close advisors were "almost vomiting".

The Prime Minister and his soon-to-be-successor were frequently photographed and filmed on the campaign trail together in 2005 in a sign of carefully choreographed unity, but a new Blair biography had revealed that all was not as it seemed.

According to Blair Unbound, Downing Street insiders said: "They're virtually holding hands" and "People were almost vomiting".

● NEARLY three quarters of all criminal offences committed in Kent go unsolved, figures revealed. The Home Office statistics, released in October, showed detection rates for every type of criminal offence.

Kent Police detected 18 per cent of robberies; 49 per cent of violence cases; 29 per cent of sex offences; 16 per cent of criminal damage cases; 30 per cent of fraud and forgery cases and 20 per cent for theft and handling stolen goods.

Police detected a combined average of just 27 per cent of all crimes in 2006-07.

NOV 2007

● THE parents of Jake Alderton paid tribute to their loving son who died in the service of his country in Afghanistan.

Lance Corporal Jake Alderton, a soldier with Maidstone-based 36 Engineer Regiment was killed in a road accident in Helmand Province.

Keith Alderton, his father, said: "If I could get him back tomorrow I'd have him, but what a fitting person to be that special, last soldier to die before Remembrance Sunday."

● ESTATE agents said the home information packs were causing widespread confusion and should be scrapped. The Government announced that the packs would be extended so that they cover all properties.

Aimed at speeding up the selling process, the packs were intended to help potential buyers decide whether a property is suitable.

But agents in Kent said that HIPs had created more trouble than they have solved.





● TWO bodies were found at a house in Margate. Police discovered the body of missing schoolgirl Vicky Hamilton in the garden of 50 Irvine Drive.

The 15-year-old was last seen in Scotland in 1991. Peter Tobin, 61, has been charged with her murder.

Police later found the body of Dinah McNicol, who was last seen in Surrey in 1991.

They are still investigating her death.

● UNMANNED police spy planes could soon be patrolling the skies over Kent on the hunt for smugglers, criminals and erratic drivers.

Kent Police is planning to introduce the lightweight drones, currently being used by the military in Iraq and Afghanistan, by 2012.

DEC 2007

● THE South East England Development Agency was branded a costly talking shop responsible for a "chronic, systematic waste of public money".

The quango, set up by Labour in 1999, was under scrutiny after it emerged that its three-day-a-week chairman, James Braithwaite, spent more than £51,000 on taxis last year.

The political commentator Leo McKinstry accused Seeda – which spent £195 million last year – of having "a scandalous contempt for the public purse".

● KENT'S most senior policeman said that his officers felt the Home Secretary had "taken advantage" of them with a new pay deal.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller said that Jacqui Smith's decision not to backdate their wage increase to September had left them "demoralised and de-motivated".

An independent tribunal recommended that police be given a 2.5 per cent pay rise, but by backdating it to December 1 they will only receive a real-term increase of 1.9 per cent.

● AN ARTIST who is producing an exclusive artwork to be exhibited in Folkestone scooped this year's Turner Prize.

Mark Wallinger won the prestigious award for his work State Britain, a precise reconstruction of anti-war protestor Brian Haw's display that stood in Parliament Square before being taken down by police last year.

Mr Wallinger is one of 23 artists taking part in the first Folkestone Triennial, a cultural event in which public works of art will be installed around the town next summer.

● THE ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury made an impassioned Christmas appeal for mankind to care more about the world.

In a special message to Kent on Sunday readers, Dr Rowan Williams referred to recent talks in Bali on climate change.

He called on people to help address global warming, even if that meant making sacrifices.









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Dr. Farthing stated, "I have to give thanks to all of my patients who made this possible. During the year, we have saved a portion of our consultation fee to raise money for needed gifts for people less fortunate this Christmas".

"We have also provided literally hundreds of gifts to teenagers who may not have received anything this year. All of the presents have come from practice members kindly donating all kinds of things".

This is the second year running and the Ideal Spine Centre has committed to keep this up for many years to come.

Dr. Farthing said, "To help even more local people in our community, I have committed to providing a spine and health check, valued over £55 for free up to 10,000."

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The purpose of this drive is to help people who are still suffering, possibly taking pain-killing medication or have not been given a solution to their problems. Many people seek relief every day, but what the Ideal Spine Centre is aiming to do is address the cause of your problems.

"Nearly 200 people will be able to take advantage of this incredible opportunity."

This is a one-off opportunity, so if you want to take your family, you had better call quickly!

No doubt the phones will run hot this Christmas at the Ideal Spine Centre. Dr. Farthing said his Clinical Assistants are ready to help, so if you get the answering machine they will call you back and reserve you a place.

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Book celebrates lively art scene

By **PHIL REILLY**
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YOU might not realise it at first glance, but there is something of an artistic renaissance going on in Medway.

This was the view of Londoners Steve Rowland and Bianca Donnelly, who moved to the area a little over two years ago and were so impressed with its artistic underbelly they decided to showcase it.

They have produced a book entitled Made in Medway, in which 27 local artists, ranging from photographers and painters to fashion designers and furniture makers, have contributed their vision of what it means to come from the Medway towns.

All the artists were asked to produce a work inspired by the area, resulting in a diverse and not always flattering vision of the towns.

These include illustrator Mark Barnes' work The Medway Masterplan, which depicts the 'Ghost of Medway' looking on as workmen in hard hats discuss their plans to change the town, photographer Laura Campion's Chatham Boiz and Blue Doors, in which she took photos of areas that will be torn down as part of Medway's regeneration, and Danielle Wright's Dickens inspired illustration You May Kiss Me, if You Like.

Mr Rowland, a graphic designer himself, said the idea was to promote people working in both fine arts and commercial arts.

He said: "There are lots of extremely talented creative people working in Medway and what we wanted to do was create a shop window for them.

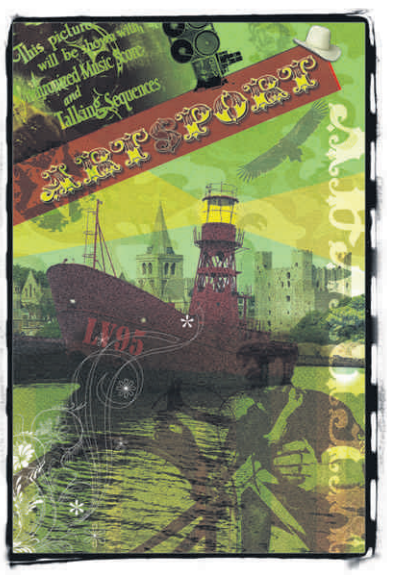
"There is a Medway scene in terms of Billy Childish and the Stuckists, and there are book publishers and spoken word, but there was no creative hub for the fine arts or for creative commercial companies.

"What we wanted to do is create a place where we could showcase all these talents. We wanted to create a coffee table book which was some of quality that people would keep, but that would also be given to companies so that if someone is looking for a graphic designer they can find one locally."

Similar projects are also planned next year in Folkestone and Margate.

The book is available through the website www.madeinmedway.com.







ART: Medway Masterplan by Mark Barnes (top left), and work by Gary Weston (top right) and Lauren Campion







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Flood risk from sea and weather

KENT'S sea defences will be able to cope with higher sea level rises than expected but severe weather could cause devastating floods, according to the Environment Agency.

A new report by the National Oceanography Centre has warned sea levels could rise well above expected levels this century, but the agency has claimed it has contingency plans that could be brought forward.

The report, which examined sea levels in the period of global warming after the last ice age, claimed that when the Earth was last warming up at the current rate the sea rose by around 1.6 metres a century. This is well above current predictions of just under one metre by 2100.

It followed another report by former health authority chairman Sir Michael Pitt into this summer's flooding, which warned the Government must act now if it is to prevent the sort of devastation witnessed this summer.

Neil Gunn, the EA's team leader for flood-risk mapping, said there were contingency plans for every possible sea-rise scenario and if levels were to rise quicker it would be a case of bringing these forward.

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He said: "We have a range of options, and nothing is taken off the table: everything from new walls and defences to building a barrage between Sheerness and Southend.

"There will be parts of the coast where it will become no longer economical to defend because we are not protecting people there, but there are parts of the coast we are obliged to protect because there is some form of habitat behind it or towns with people in."

Hurricane

He said the agency was currently planning for sea level rises of 4mm a year until 2025, 8mm a year from 2025-50, 12mm a year from 2050-80 and 15mm a year from 2080-2115. This would give an overall rise of 92.8cm by 2100.

Agency spokeswoman Cat Ross said nothing could prevent severe flooding in Kent, but residents could be better prepared to cope with it.

She said: "The thing with extreme weather is you could always get a worse event. There could be a hurricane bigger than Katrina or a tsunami bigger than the one that hit Thailand or floods worse than we saw this year.

"The thing with climate change is we are seeing more and more extreme weather.

"The main thing for Kent is about people looking at making themselves and their homes more resilient. The first thing they can do is find out if they are at risk of flooding using our Floodline service and then to make flood plans if they do live in at risk areas."

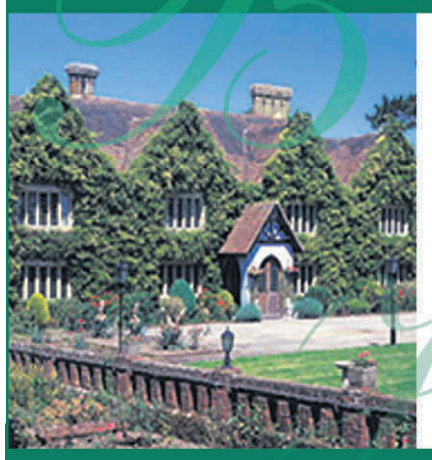
She also said it was imperative that good drainage systems were built into all new developments and that money be spent by local authorities to upgrade existing drains.

Speaking to Kent on Sunday earlier this year, Keith Ferrin, KCC cabinet member for the environment, warned the county could face disastrous flooding if heavy rain was to hit.

Mr Ferrin said the county needed "millions if not billions" to replace its archaic drainage system.

Ms Ross added: "It's not impossible to replace drains but it is difficult. People can make decisions for themselves that will help. For example, if someone has grass front lawn and is thinking about tarmacking it they are increasing the flood risk."

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Water firm's promise

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Les Dawson, chief executive, said: "We place your needs at the heart of everything we do. We strive to deliver an excellent service but we are aware that sometimes nature and unforeseen challenges can intervene.

"It is important that we involve you in the discussions we have about the best way to address the challenges we face and that we gain your support for our forward looking plans.

"Climate change and global warming are now being talked about by governments around the world while, closer to home, floods and droughts have wreaked havoc in parts of the country. Dealing with the effects of climate change will be a key challenge for us in the future."

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At Kent Highway Services, we know how important traffic signals are to residents who use our roads and that faults need to be rectified very quickly to keep the county moving and to protect the safety of road users.

That's why we have a team to maintain the network of traffic signals across Kent. Our signal engineers look after 640 sets of traffic lights and go out all year round, whatever the time of day or night, to deal with faults as quickly as possible.

We also have inspection engineers and lamp technicians who visit all of our sites regularly to make sure that the equipment is in full working order – we replace the lamps every six months to minimise any failure and we are currently carrying out a programme to change the old lamps for new LED (Light Emitting Diodes) design signals that use less electricity and last longer. As well as being better for the environment, these new bulbs do not need to be replaced every six months, meaning that they're more cost effective too.

Our maintenance installers are kept busy with a range of tasks including supervising contractors working on our equipment, replacing or repairing damaged equipment, carrying out planned maintenance and working on modernisation schemes.

Co-ordinating all of this activity is our administration team who watch the network everyday and liaise with our team on the ground to respond to situations quickly and keep the network moving.



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Protecting our wildlife



Spring may seem like a long way off at the moment, but at Kent Highway Services, our ecology team is already planning for wildlife surveys in spring 2008.

Protecting wildlife is an important consideration whenever we develop highway schemes, and surveys need to be planned well in advance to make sure that we can carry them out properly before disturbing any ground.

For example, did you know that for reptile surveys, we often need to carry out at least 16 site visits and for great crested newts it can be up to six? The optimum time to undertake those surveys is in April and May and every visit has to be carried out during suitable weather conditions. The whole process can take several months, so it's easy to see why we have to plan ahead!

In the case of dormouse and water vole surveys, we ideally need to start around April and the surveys can go on until October and November. Following surveys, we sometimes need to allow a whole year to adequately protect wildlife before we can start any works.

Bats are another species that we have a responsibility to protect. Dealing with the presence of bats in highways structures is a delicate and time-consuming activity, but we take their protection very seriously. For example, bat roosts were recently discovered in a large stone arch near Tonbridge, so we've halted repair work to the bridge and applied to Natural England for a licence to proceed whilst adding special structures to make a safe home for the bats.

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TrackJet for quick grip

Road and pavement resurfacing is an essential part of our maintenance programme to make sure that they're kept in a safe condition. Unfortunately, resurfacing using traditional methods does have several disadvantages. As well as being time-consuming and disruptive for motorists, it can sometimes means unnecessary reconstruction of surfaces that are actually structurally sound, and we think that the money it costs could be better used elsewhere.

That's why we've been carrying out trials across the county with the new TrackJet vehicle. TrackJet was originally developed for restoring airport runway surfaces and it is currently used at 13 of the UK's airports.

This unique vehicle is fitted with high-pressure nozzles that use clean water to blast away built up residue on roads and pavements. The surfaces are instantly re-textured without the need to add more materials. The system doesn't involve any chemicals and the residue and waste water is collected simultaneously by its integrated Vacuflex system. Waste water is stored internally in a tank, so that the surface is almost dry after treatment and ready for use immediately.



The TrackJet is also a much faster way to treat surfaces – it can cover almost a mile a day!

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The trials have been very successful so far, so look out for TrackJet in a road near you!

To find out more about how we look after Kent's roads, please visit **www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Travel Update

Kent Highway Services

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.

Canterbury

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
2/1/08	4/1/08	New Dover Road, Canterbury	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains

Sevenoaks

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
2/1/08	9/1/08	Penshurst Road, Penshurst	Temporary traffic lights – telecoms work

Tonbridge & Malling

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
2/1/08	29/2/08	Knowsley Way, Hildenborough	Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

Ashford

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
2/1/08	4/3/08	A252 Canterbury Road, Chilham	Temporary traffic lights – water mains work
2/1/08	1/10/08	Newtown Road, Ashford	Road closure - railway bridge works

For details of other roadworks in Kent please visit www.kent.gov.uk/travel

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CofE conference fight on gay clergy

THE Bishop of Rochester could be heading for a confrontation with the Archbishop of Canterbury over the ordination of gay bishops.

The issue has threatened to cause the biggest split in the Anglican Church's history, which the archbishop has so far managed to narrowly avoid.

Dr Rowan Williams flew out to New Orleans in September for last-ditch talks to persuade the American Episcopal Church to abandon its decision to ordain gay bishops, as it had done in 2003 with the ordination of Gene Robinson in New Hampshire.

Several diocese split from the American church as a result of the ordination, which also prompted some conservative clergymen, particularly in Africa, to call for the Americans to be cast out of its international body, the Anglican Communion.

Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali has previously warned he may boycott next year's Lambeth Conference, which happens once every decade and is one of the biggest events in the Church calendar, over the issue.

It is due to take place at the University of Kent at Canterbury next July, but some conservative bishops have planned a rival conference to take place in Israel and Palestine in June.

The Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON), was agreed at a meeting of senior clergy in Nairobi before Christmas. The Bishop of Rochester was consulted by telephone.

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Bishops attending the rival event will still be free to attend Lambeth, and it is understood Dr Nazir-Ali will make his position clear in February.

Speaking to the Daily Telegraph, he said: "My difficulty at the moment is not with a particular person, such as Gene Robinson, but with those who felt it right to approve and officiate at his ordination.

"Unless they are willing to say that what they did was contrary to the Gospel, and we all of us from time to time need to repent about what we have done wrong, I would find it very difficult to be with them in a council of bishops."

Many bishops have yet to formally accept their invitations to the Lambeth Conference.

GAFCON spokesman Canon Chris Sugden would not be drawn on whether or not Dr Williams would be invited to the rival conference. He said: "Of course, the Archbishop will be preoccupied with the Lambeth Conference, but no decisions have been made yet."

A spokeswoman for Lambeth Palace said the Archbishop of Canterbury would not be making any comment on the alternative conference.

However, in his Advent letter to bishops, Dr Williams warned that refusal to meet at the conference would be "a refusal of the cross – and so of the resurrection". He said: "It is historically an aspect of the role of the Archbishop of Canterbury to articulate the mind of the Communion, in moments of tension and controversy. I do so out of the profound conviction that the existence of our Communion is truly a gift of God to the wholeness of Christ's Church and that all of us will be seriously wounded and diminished if our Communion fractures any further; but also out of the no less profound conviction that our identity as Anglicans is not something without boundaries."

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Archbishop has high hopes for church meeting

THE Lambeth Conference is the biggest gathering of senior Anglican clergymen in the world.

It takes place every 10 years and brings together more than 800 bishops from across the globe for prayer, debate and discussion.

The next event takes place at the University of Kent at Canterbury in July and will be hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.

Dr Williams has set out several aims for next year's 20-day conference. These are that the bishops attending will be restored and refreshed spiritually, gain deeper knowledge of each other and be more aware of the spiritual and physical resources God has given them to meet missionary challenges in different parts of the world.

He hopes to address conflict, discover a new level of trust in common service to God and gain greater understanding of the contribution Anglicanism can make to the worldwide church and the world.

He also hopes the bishops will come away with a greater understanding and appreciation of life together in the Anglican Communion.

Bishops' wives are also invited to take part in a Spouses Conference which runs parallel to the main event, and is to be hosted by Dr Williams' wife Jane.

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THE Sands at Folkestone saw a hardy bunch of Boxing Day swimmers take the plunge into the icy waters of the English Channel. The traditional stunt organised by the town's Lions Club raises funds for local charities.

County 'leading the way' on reform of social care provision

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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GOVERNMENT plans to revolutionise to the way care and support is given to disabled people and the elderly are already up and running in Kent.

Across the county, new technology and direct payment schemes are giving people and their carers more control over the care they receive, said Kent County Council.

The Government recently announced that £520 million would be given to local authorities over three years in what the health secretary Alan Johnson described as "potentially one of the most radical public service reforms for a generation".

The way people access care will be changed – with a focus on independence, wellbeing and dignity.

KCC's director of adult services Oliver Mills said: "I think Kent has been ahead of the game and has strongly influenced the Government to go down this track."

Changes include giving people a personal budget so they can choose what kind of services they want and how they are provided. This has been happening in Kent through direct payment schemes.

People in Kent have been able to choose to employ their own care assistants and go to hotels rather than to residential homes for respite care.

Mr Mills added: "This announcement is in line with what Kent wanted to do. Over the last three or four years around 15,000 people now receive their care in this way who would previously have had it provided by social services."

TeleHealth technology helps people with chronic diseases manage their own health needs – by allowing them to carry out regular health checks at home and sending details to their GP so the results can be monitored.

Cllr Kevin Lynes, KCC's cabinet member for adult services, said he was meeting with the care services minister Ivan Lewis in January to discuss the plans.

"We are very much of one mind that the idea of personalisation and great freedom, choice and control should be realised," he said.

However, concerns were raised about the cost of providing this model of care.

Cllr Lynes said that if 1,000 people, for example, bought individual care packages instead of KCC going to the market and buying the 1,000 packages then economies of scale would be lost.

"For people to have more choice and control the Government needs to acknowledge that there are issues around funding," he said.

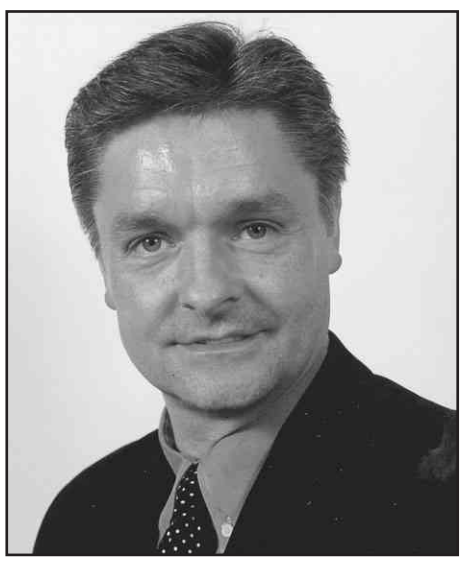
The growing cost of social care has already been felt in Kent this year after domiciliary care charges were increased to 85 per cent of people's disposable income.

Cllr Lynes said although the decision was "unpalatable" it was necessary to keep providing care for people with moderate needs.

He said in a growing number of counties only pensioners and disabled people with critical needs were receiving social services.

"We do a lot of preventative work. By helping people with a lower level of need you are able to prevent them from becoming more critical," said Cllr Lines.

"One of the questions I will ask the minister is how the Government intends to bring that [eligibility criteria] back down."



PIONEERING: Cllr Kevin Lynes

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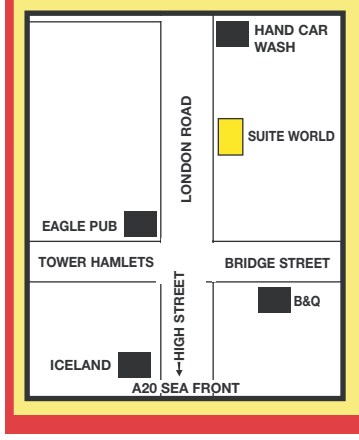


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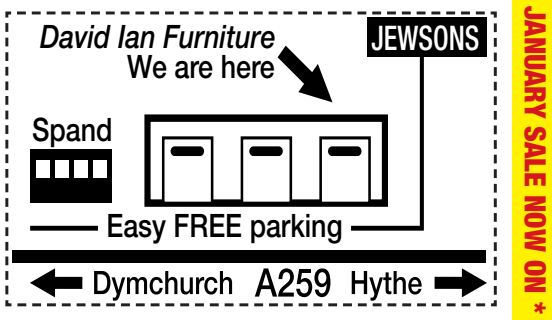
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IMPROVISATION: Jack Hues, Sam Bailey, Michael Porter and Rutledge Turnlund are The-Quartet

City's heritage still making new sounds

IN THE 1970s, Canterbury was hailed as a hotbed of progressive rock and jazz music with local bands like Caravan and The Soft Machine rising to international fame.

The city's music scene has undergone a renaissance in recent years and there is once again a thriving and eclectic mix of local bands.

By **CHRIS SOHANTA**
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One of these bands has recently released a successful debut album and looks set to gain even more recognition with their UK tour this coming spring.

They are The-Quartet and, like The Soft Machine, play music that is a heady mixture of jazz, rock and classical elements that communicates to a very broad audience.

Their debut album, Illuminated, was released in September at a sold-out album launch at Pizza Express Jazz Club in Soho, London and was chosen as album of the week by The Independent.

They also received great reviews in The Guardian, Mojo, BBC music magazine and Jazzwise, among others.

Canterbury residents Jack Hues and Sam Bailey are the creative heart of the band.

Jack was the frontman in eighties band Wang Chung who had a string of global top 10 hits and went on to write the music to several Hollywood movies – including To Live and Die in LA, which was directed by William Friedkin of The Exorcist fame.

This experienced veteran of the rock world found an unusual creative partner in classically trained pianist Sam Bailey.

Sam has appeared as a soloist with orchestra in Canterbury several times, including a performance of The Rio Grande in Canterbury Cathedral, and given recitals.

Hits

But in recent years he has become obsessed with improvisation and has played alongside many of the UK's top jazz musicians, including Canterbury saxophone legend Tony Coe.

When it came to making their first album this unlikely couple called on the services of top producer Chris Hughes who worked with Jack on some of his eighties hits and has since worked with the likes of Tears for Fears and Paul McCartney.

In forming their band Jack and Sam drew upon the pool of musical talent in the local area: Rutledge Turnlund on double bass, Michael Porter on drums, Charlie Brown on violin and Paul Booth on saxophone.

The-Quartet are currently putting the finishing touches to their second album which is due to be released next May.

In the meantime they will be playing in Canterbury in April in the Sounds New festival as part of their UK tour.

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Singer home for her nan

JOSS Stone has flown back to Kent from Los Angeles to celebrate her grandmother's 80th birthday party.

The 20-year-old soul singer, who was born in Dover, was back in the coastal town over the festive period.

"Joss is so sweet. She flew in just for her nana's birthday in Kent.

"She's single at the moment but she's not missing a man when she can snuggle up to her adorable dogs," a friend told reporters.

The singer has recently been named as the new Flake girl in adverts for the chocolate.

Fire victims are named

POLICE have confirmed the identities of a mother and daughter who died in a fire at their home in Deal.

Theresa, 38, and nine-year-old Emily Dunn were killed at their home in Quern Road, last Thursday at around 5.30am.

More than 20 firefighters worked to tackle the blaze at the two-storey home and during a search the two bodies were found.

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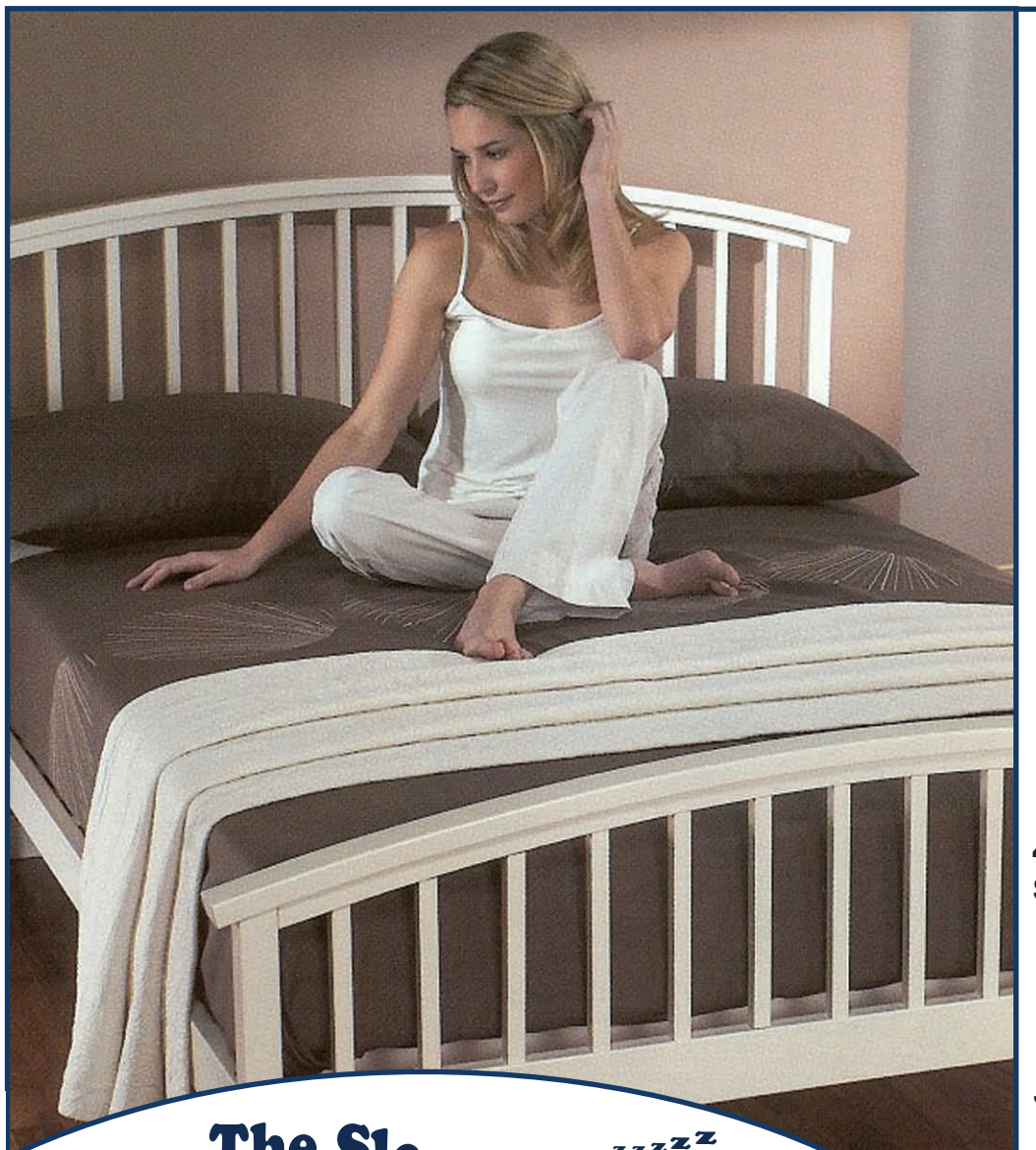
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Entrepreneur warns of stock market crash

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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THE multi-millionaire who led a controversial takeover of EMI has compared the financial climate in Britain to that of America in 1929 when the Wall Street Crash took place.

Terra Firma boss Guy Hands has sent investors, bankers and journalists a gloomy book as a Christmas present – The Great Crash 1929, by John Kenneth Galbraith.

It tells the story of the American stock market collapse that saw the country plunge into the Great Depression and the worst economic period in its history, with at least 13 million unemployed.

Mr Hands, 48, who went to grammar school in Kent and lives in Sevenoaks, sent a letter with the book explaining the similarities between the US market in 1929 and now in the UK.

Blaming governments for allowing borrowing to soar, he said: "Governments have had a vested interest in making everything appear rosy and thus have encouraged ever-increasing borrowing as the alternative would have been a slowdown in growth."

In order to ensure there was not a "great crash", Western governments needed to "find a way to unwind this excess in liquidity without social and economic chaos," said Mr Hands, who with his wife Julia owns a group of country-house hotels, including some in Kent.

Earlier this month, Mr Hands, who began his City career trading bonds in 1982 for Goldman Sachs, wrote a conciliatory letter to some of the world's top musicians, reassuring them about Terra Firma's takeover of music company EMI.



GLOOM: Terra Firma boss Guy Hands



BORED: Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney

Radiohead are among artists to have criticised the move, while Robbie Williams is thought to be considering signing to a new record label after the release of his next album.

Earlier correspondence from Mr Hands to EMI's staff – which was leaked to the media – had first triggered the anger.

He wrote: "While many [artists] spend huge amounts of time working with their label to promote, perfect and endorse their music, some unfortunately simply focus on negotiating for the maximum advance – advances which are often never repaid.

"However, once EMI has the best products and services in music and the best culture for working together then, as already exists within some of our labels, it will be open to us to choose which artists we wish to work with and promote."

In a newspaper interview, Radiohead guitarist Ed O'Brien said the band wanted to do a new deal with EMI, but were unhappy Mr Hands was at the helm.

He claimed Mr Hands did not understand the music industry and added: "Hands couldn't give us what we wanted."

Paul McCartney, who had been with EMI for 45 years, said the label had become "boring" and has now signed to the Starbucks label, Hear Music.

Mr Hands, who went to The Judd School in Tonbridge, attempted to placate angry rock and pop stars in a new letter.

He told artists such as Gorillaz, Coldplay and Kylie Minogue that comments taken from his letter to EMI staff had been "highly selective". He told the stars they were "at the epicentre" of his vision for the future of the music company.

Mr and Mrs Hands' fortune was valued at £200 million in the Sunday Times Rich List 2007.

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'Expand science park'

KENT Science Park has been given the thumbs up for expansion after receiving a glowing inspection report.

The research and development site in Sittingbourne, which is currently home to more than 80 companies, was given a strong vote of confidence by planning inspector David Wildsmith following a recent visit.

Mr Wildsmith noted the need for expansion and even recommended land to the south and south east of the site.

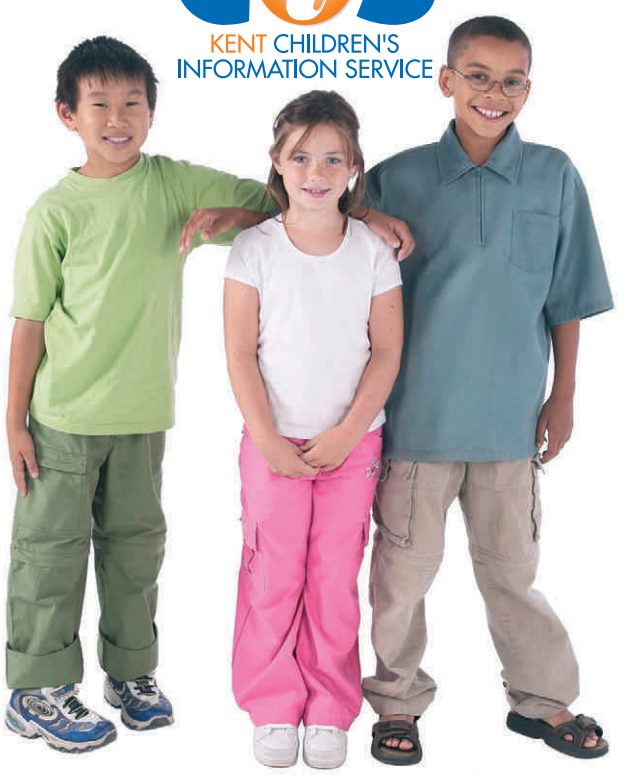
He said the park was "unique within the Thames Gateway" and "a regionally important cluster of technology and knowledge-based businesses".

Andrew Bull of LaSalle Investment Management, which runs the park, said: "We are delighted the inspector has recognised the role Kent Science Park will play when he said 'the site provides the main opportunity to diversify the local economy and bring about a shift towards higher-value employment and skills'.

"This is especially important given Swale's need to regenerate its economy and attract new jobs.

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Blair's new faith is 'at odds with his voting record' says Catholic MP

By **PHIL REILLY**
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MAIDSTONE MP Ann Widdecombe has criticised Tony Blair's voting record in the wake of his conversion to Catholicism.

The former Prime Minister announced his conversion to Roman Catholicism, the religion of his wife Cherie, just six months after leaving Downing Street.

Mr Blair's conversion had been the subject of much speculation during his 10 years in office, especially as he regularly attended Catholic masses and visited Pope Benedict XVI as one of his last acts as Prime Minister.

Ms Widdecombe, who converted to Catholicism after the Anglican church decided to allow women to become priests, said: "He has voted three times in the Commons against some of the core beliefs of the Roman Catholic church on abortion,


CONVERT: Tony Blair

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"Since he has made a public conversion to Catholicism we are entitled to ask how he reconciles these actions with such teaching."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, said he wished Mr Blair well.

He said: "Tony Blair has my prayers and good wishes as he takes this step in his Christian pilgrimage.

"A great Catholic writer of the last century said that the only reason for moving from one Christian family to another was to deepen one's relationship with God.

"I pray that this will be the result of Tony Blair's decision in his personal life."

Asked about how much Mr Blair's religious beliefs affected his political decision making, his former press secretary Alistair Campbell once remarked: "We don't do God".

However, in a recent BBC documentary, Mr Campbell admitted Mr Blair "does do God in quite a big way", but steered away from overt religiosity while Prime Minister as he feared it would not go down well with voters.

Mr Blair told the same documentary: "If you talk about it in our own system and, frankly, people think you're a nutter."

That comment touched a nerve with the Bishop of Rochester, Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, who said: "I am sorry Tony Blair feels he could not talk about his faith in case people thought he was a nutter. A Christian vision underlies all that is important about Britain: its laws, institutions and values. If Blair had been able to relate this vision to his policies, we would have had more constructive social policy at home and principled policies abroad."

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Arrests after stabbing

A MAN and a woman have been arrested after a woman in her 20s was stabbed in Chatham.

Police said the victim was now stable in hospital after the incident in New Road at around 5.15am on Sunday.

The man who was taken into custody is in his late 20s and has been bailed until January 16.

The woman, who is in her early 20s, remains in custody and was due to be interviewed by detectives on Monday.

Armed officers arrested the two, who have not been named, at a house in Luton Road, Chatham last Sunday.



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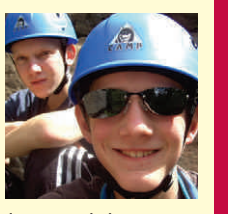
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Farewell to a momentous year

THE last 12 months have seen their fair share of momentous events.

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Tony Blair left after a decade as Prime Minister to make way for Gordon Brown.

Meanwhile, England reached the rugby World Cup final, Lewis Hamilton came within a whisker of becoming world champion in his first F1 season and the national football side failed to qualify for Euro 2008.

On the political stage, local government elections this coming May will provide the first key test for Gordon Brown as Prime Minister.

And he will face a parliamentary battle when he attempts to ratify the European Reform Treaty, which he recently signed.

MPs opposed to the treaty say it is no different to the rejected European Constitution and have vowed to fight it when it appears in the Commons in January.

On the world stage, America is set to elect a new President, which could have implications for Britain's 'special relationship' and the UK's foreign policy.

Another – and potentially damaging – fight Mr Brown could have on his hands will be staving off an economic slowdown.

Some analysts believe falling house prices, rising costs such as for fuel and a credit crunch originating in America will lead to a slowdown in economic growth in 2008.

Kent's rich array of talented businessmen and women and strongly performing companies will hopefully allow the county to weather any storm.

Everyone at KOS Media, the publisher of Kent on Sunday, would like to wish our readers a Happy New Year.

OPINION: New kid on the block

PHIL REILLY on how leader Nick Clegg could make the Lib Dems power brokers



THE perennial problem that Liberal Democrat leaders have faced is how to convince the electorate they are worth voting for.

If Nick Clegg is to be the first Liberal Prime Minister since Lloyd George he has to turn around the public perception that the Lib Dems are a nice, fluffy party full of interesting ideas that they will never have to put into practice.

Fortunately for him, the current political climate could mean he has taken over the leadership of the party at just the right moment.

For the Lib Dems to be electable they need a track record in power, which may seem like a Catch 22, but with Labour fumbling and many voters still hesitant to back the Tories there is a very real possibility of a hung Parliament at the next election.

This would make the Lib Dems the power brokers, and for the first time in nearly a century some of their senior figures could find themselves wielding actual authority.

A few Liberals in government office, followed by some of their policies making it onto the statute books, could transform the party into one that, come the next election, could point to actual achievement.

They will be judged, like Labour and the Conservatives, on things achieved in government, and the boost to their credibility will be immense.



CHALLENGES: Nick Clegg

However, this all begs another question. In choosing Nick Clegg, have the Liberals chosen the right man to walk the political tightrope that leads to electability?

His critics have dismissed him as a David Cameron clone, media savvy but policy light and too inexperienced to win the political battles that lie ahead.

The thing is, unlike Mr Cameron, Mr Clegg does not need to win the next election, he just needs to keep the Lib Dems' heads above the water.

If he can just keep the same number of seats they have now it may be enough to wield real influence in a hung Parliament, although that is a big ask with Labour and the Dave's Tories now occupying so much of the traditional Lib Dem territory.

He needs a distinct voice in order to give the party credibility, even if it is an unpopular one at times.

If he can keep up the Blair/Cameron-esque charm offensive while establishing areas where the Lib Dems have a clear message – Europe, tax, small government – he may just be able to keep them relevant.

However, the Lib Dems are a contrary bunch and for Mr Clegg to achieve the sort of credibility necessary at the next election he will need to stop disgruntled backbenchers from sharpening their knives again.

His narrow victory hardly gave him a strong mandate and there are popular figures behind him that many would rather see in the leader's chair.

Not only are there the very many Lib Dems who voted for his rival Chris Huhne, but there are many who would have wished to have seen Vince Cable remain as leader after some impressive outings in recent weeks.

Then, of course, there are the still popular party elders Charles Kennedy and Sir Menzies Campbell.

Gone but not forgotten and, particularly in Mr Kennedy's case, highly visible.

Mr Clegg has a great opportunity over the coming years to make the Liberal Democrats a party that can be taken seriously – he might even be able to make them electable.

But to do so he has to prove himself to be a canny, principled leader with a firm hand when it comes to handling the Government, the Tories and his own unruly mob.

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CHARLTON
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Basil Hopperton of Sissinghurst, died at home on 18th December 2007 after a short illness, aged 80. All enquiries to Sills and Co of Cranbrook.

LOUGHLIN
Bernard of Sevenoaks passed away after a short illness in Kent and Sussex Hospital on 18th December 2007. Wiil be sadly missed by his sons, daughters in law and grand-daughter. Enquiries to F Chappell, Sevenoaks.

LUKE
Ellen Christina Luke (nee Beecham) of Broad Oak, Canterbury passsed away after a long illness on 17th December 2007. A loving mum, sister and grandma who will be so sadly missed. Many thanks to the District Nurses from Canterbury Health Centre for their care and attention. The funeral will take place at Barham Crematorium on Friday 4th January 2008 at 2pm and afterwards at Sturry Church for a blessing to her life. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o Co-Operative Funeral Services, Sturry Road, Canterbury.

OAKES
Charles died peacefully on 19th December 2007 aged 95 years. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Donations for Hospice in the Weald via Groombridges, Tonbridge

SILVESTER
Elizabeth Silvester of Gravesend, passed away peacefully after a long illness on 15th December 2007 aged 71 will be sadly missed by her everloving Husband, Children, Grandchildren and all her family.

WELLER
Elsie Beatrice Hudson Weller (nee Clark) of Dover passed peacefully away on 12th December 2007, in her 96th year.

Don't blame the police

We need to be careful when apportioning blame – "Police losing support from Middle England" – as the police do not decide how the law is enforced in this country, the politicians do that.

In the same way as our soldiers did not decide to illegally invade two foreign countries yet deserve our support for executing their flawed orders in a professional manner, so the police did not opt for a paper-led system that concentrates on raising revenue through fines and ticking boxes to prove that they are not racist or homophobic, so also merit our support for what they do.

Rather than shooting the messengers, the public needs to remember this when they next have the chance to change the Government.

LD Goddard
Ashford

Rail depot's green light

We have received the Secretary of State's decision, which is to uphold ProLogis's appeal and permit the rail freight depot proposed on green belt land next to Slade Green.

The depot will include large-scale warehousing, including what was described at the public inquiry as "probably the largest warehouse in London".

As I read the documentation, any appeal against this has to be made to the High Court and has to show either that the decision is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act, or that the relevant requirements of the Act have not been met.

Although we haven't had time to look at the decision in detail, we are extremely disappointed that this decision has been made, and concerned both for its impact on the local community and on the general principle of protecting the green belt.

Roy Hillman
Slade Green Community Forum

Drivers – please keep your speed down

Six days before Christmas my husband John was driving through our village on his way out to do a job.

It was early afternoon. He knows the road well and has travelled down it thousands of times.

He approached a stationary bus and as he passed it a teenage girl suddenly stepped out from its rear, collided with the front offside corner of his van and literally bounced up the road, landing on her lower back.

It all happened in a split second. There was absolutely nothing my husband could have done to stop it happening.

The good news is that my husband was travelling around 20 miles an hour. Had he been travelling at 30, she would most likely have broken bones or suffered head injuries.

Had be been travelling at 40, as so many people do through our villages and towns, she may well have been killed – simple as that!

The result of the incident was that apart from cuts and bruises the teenage girl is fine and did not have to go to hospital. My husband has now replaced the smashed headlamp on his van but he has decided to keep the small dent that her body made on his bumper as a reminder to keep alert and keep his speed down.

He now keeps going over and over in his mind what could have happened, as all responsible people would.

Time will reduce the feeling of dread those thoughts bring on, but it has made us think about what we are doing when we get behind the wheel of a vehicle.

We are in fact controlling a lethal weapon and a split second of non-attentiveness whilst exercising that control can lead to life-altering circumstances.

My plea to everyone is – please keep your speed down. Accidents will always happen and children with their minds on other things will often forget their green cross code.

We as drivers must remember that unforeseen circumstances could be around any corner, or could appear from behind any bus, but by keeping our speed down the outcomes of those incidents can be so very different.

Jill Tipping
Shepherdswell

Help for the less able

My congratulations to the daughter of your anonymous correspondent for passing her 11-plus despite the severely disruptive children in her primary school class.

One of the ways we can spot children with high ability is their concentration – their capacity to get on with their work, regardless of what may be going on around them.

The phrases "she's lost in a book" or "he's in a world of his own" tend to be applied far more to academically able children than to the less able.

It is a characteristic that enables them to succeed at school and in later life – they manage to get their work done despite disturbance, where the less able are more easily distracted.

An irony of selective education is that it ensure that the more able, the ones most able to cope with disruption, get the least classroom disruption while those less able to cope with it are faced with the most.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist – or a class warrior! – to see how inefficient this system is.

Martin Frey
STEP – Stop The Eleven Plus
Appledore

Saving the planet

What a timely message from the Archbishop of Canterbury on the front of last week's paper.

Christmas is traditionally the time of goodwill towards all men and what could be a better example of such an attitude then taking care of the Earth.

Global warming is certainly a problem which needs to be addressed in the coming years for the sake of the future of us all.

This planet is home to all of us – so let us look after it.

And not just at Christmas – all year long.

Patricia Phillips
Ashford



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Red alert

THE world-famous Red Arrows dropped in at Kent International Airport last week. They stopped by for a refuel en route from Grenoble in France to their home base of RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire.

Kent needs a museum

I was interested to read the article in last week's copy of Kent on Sunday about the hidden past of the county.

Why not set up a proper museum – on the lines of the Museum of London – which details the whole history of our county, from prehistoric times to the present day?

Kent has a unique history because of its location between London and the gateways to Europe so we should be able to show it.

Mark Player
Tunbridge Wells

Growth town frustration

Ashford is clearly labelled as a growth town yet I cannot think for the life of me why.

Meaningless construction of stores no-one will visit going up in place, which are inaccessible to both traffic and pedestrians.

It has no centre, just that circular road which once on you can never get off as bad-tempered drivers block all the exit roads which aren't sealed off by men in hard hats.

Bryan King
Folkestone

Disgruntled middle class

Police Federation boss Jan Berry is quite right to say policing targets are alienating the force from those who should be their most natural supporters – middle-class people with a stake in society.

Too often officers seem to go after those who commit extremely minor offences but would probably respect the law enough to attend court and not present a problem.

Meanwhile those with completely antisocial tendencies are allowed to do pretty much as they please.

Tony Haynes
Dover

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IN MY VIEW



Jane Connolly

Christmas films

PAN'S LABYRINTH

AMONG Film4's festive offerings this year was a real gem, if a little sharp around the edges.

Let me first state that the Oscar-winning Pan's Labyrinth is not a children's film. Anyone confusing it with the wonderful Labyrinth, starring a bunch of Muppets and David Bowie in tights, will be in for a shock.

Director Guillermo del Toro has created a masterpiece of dark and disturbing visions, which achieves the mind-bending task of layering a fantasy world of fauns, fairies and giant toads against the desperate backdrop of the Spanish Civil War.

The film spends just as much time with the vicious Captain Vidal, torturer and hunter of rebels hiding in the woods, as it does with his bewildered new stepdaughter Ofelia. His appalling acts are presented candidly – del Toro, unlike most other directors, chooses every time to cut just after the dreaded shot, rather than before.

Ofelia's adventures in the underworld are hardly less frightening, but the grotesque creatures she meets hold an undeniable fascination that sticks in the mind long after the credits have rolled. Convinced she is a long lost princess who must complete three tasks to regain her rightful place, Ofelia endures various terrifying and stomach-churning adventures while the fighting rages above her head.

Filmed in Spanish, the awkwardness of reading subtitles is soon forgotten as the amazing imagery unfolds itself. A difficult and often brutal experience, Pan's Labyrinth is a modern classic which any movie fan should add to their collection.

Among the cinematic treats yet to be broadcast is Mission: Impossible (Sunday, ITV1, 5pm). The smart and exciting first film offers a chance to enjoy the concept before it turned into the Look At Me, I'm Tom Cruise Show in instalments two and three.

There cannot be a person alive who has not yet seen Crocodile Dundee (Sunday, Film4, 7.15pm), but it remains a perennial favourite, if only for the famous knife scene.

Baz Luhrman manages to make the Bard (briefly) cool again with the beautifully shot William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet (Monday, Film4, 9pm).

For a real treat to sign off the festive season, don't miss Finding Neverland (Tuesday, BBC2, 5.30pm) in which the divine Johnny Depp proves yet again that he is a celluloid treasure. The touching and fantastic story of JM Barrie and his most famous creation, Peter Pan, is a memorable tale that won't give you nightmares.



MASTERPIECE: Fantasy world of Pan's Labyrinth

CINEMA

I AM LEGEND (15)

In this post-apocalyptic thriller about the last survivor of a terrible man-made catastrophe, virologist Robert Neville (Will Smith) lives in the ruins of the Big Apple seeking a cure for the outbreak. For the first hour Smith's natural charisma and likeability holds us spellbound. But once the movie concentrates on the battle between Robert and Alpha Male, it becomes a second rate Resident Evil clone.

BALLS OF FURY (12A)

Robert Ben Garant serves up more punch-lines that fail to hit their target with this ham-fisted yarn, an underdog story set in the high velocity world of competitive ping-pong (yes, really) with Christopher Walken as the camp villain. Balls Of Fury is this year's turkey, stuffed with flimsy, two-dimensional characters and obvious pratfalls.

THE KITE RUNNER (12A)

Shot on location in the western Chinese desert bordering Afghanistan with child non-actors, and predominantly in the Dari language (one of the two main tongues), The Kite Runner is a haunting and deeply moving tale of redemption, which casts a heady spell as it travels back and forth in time, between the streets of Kabul and San Francisco Bay.

ST TRINIAN'S (12A)

Girls just wanna have fun in Oliver Parker and Barnaby Thompson's revival of the naughty hockey stick-wielding minxes. St Trinian's is frothy and undemanding fun, interspersed with snappily edited montages set to songs by Shampoo, Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Girls Aloud. Stars Rupert Everett and Colin Firth.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (U)

Alvin And The Chipmunks treats its audience like fools, keeping dialogue to a minimum as the linear plot unfolds at a crawl with yawnsome predictability. Young viewers might giggle at the sight of one chipmunk noisily breaking wind in Dave's face, but laughs are few and far between.

ENCHANTED (PG)

Combining animation and live action, Enchanted has all the ingredients of a modern classic: great performances, rumbustious comic set pieces, a sprinkling of romance and just enough heartfelt sentiment to draw a goofy, contented grin. Stars Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, Susan Sarandon and Timothy Spall.



A WORD IN YOUR EAR: Will Smith is the last man standing in I Am Legend

BEE MOVIE (U)

Co-written by Jerry Seinfeld, who also voices the lead character, computer-animated adventure Bee Movie is a fitfully amusing romp that peddles many obviously puns and gags: "A perfect report card – all b's!" Seinfeld brings his dry humour to his role while Renee Zellweger, Matthew Broderick and co offer lively support.

MR MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (U)

Written and directed by Zach Helm, Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium unfolds in the form of a storybook narrated by a lonely nine-year-old boy called Eric (Zach Mills). Dustin Hoffman is instantly loveable as the wacky and wildly eccentric impresario and Natalie Portman brings depth to her role.

WE OWN THE NIGHT (15)

Director James Gray reunites with charismatic lead stars Joaquin Phoenix and Mark Wahlberg for this gritty account of betrayal and retribution, set against a backdrop of '80s New York street crime. We Own The Night takes more than an hour to accelerate out of first gear, finally sparking to life during a terrific car chase sequence in the rain.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG)

Thirteen-year-old Dakota Blue Richards from Brighton was plucked from obscurity to play the pivotal role of Lyra and she is terrific, holding her own against Nicole Kidman (in scene-stealing form) and a miasma of jaw-dropping special effects. The Golden Compass is an entertaining introduction to Philip Pullman's writing, festooned with dazzling action set pieces.

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG)

Les Mayfield's misfiring and misconceived comedy, about an amnesiac who suspects he may be a CIA operative, is about as much fun as a pile of ironing. Leading man Cedric The Entertainer gurns furiously to camera and flings himself into the various set pieces with gusto. Code Name: The Cleaner splices comedy and action to disastrous effect, accomplishing neither genre with flair.

HITMAN (15)

A disappointing big screen version of the top-selling videogame. Director Xavier Gens has recreated the mood of the digital universe. What it lacks is the adrenaline rush that comes from taking control of the enigmatic Agent 47 and interacting with the brutal, bloodthirsty criminal underworld that is his hunting ground.

FRED CLAUS (PG)

Packed with festive schmaltz, this film will make you feel nauseous. Vince Vaughn stars in this modern day fairy tale about the rivalry between Saint Nick (Paul Giamatti) and his misunderstood brother, Fred (Vaughn). Laughs are so thin on the ground, it's enough to bring out the Scrooge in you.

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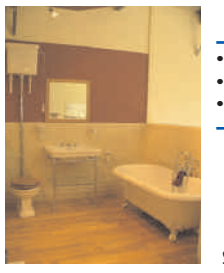
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REVIEW ▪ **ATTRACTIONS**

Music to make you Feelgood

LEGENDARY R'n'B act Wilko Johnson will be making a welcome return to Whitstable's Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre this spring.

The former member of Dr Feelgood and Ian Dury's Blockheads is just one of the highlights of the Horsebridge Centre's new season of entertainment.

Also in the line-up are the Blue Rhythm Kings, with the authentic sound of 1920s jazz, and Hugh Cornwell with his Stranglers and Beyond Acoustic Tour.

Tony Blake returns with his Archive Film Show and The Richard Rozze Hammond Organ Trio will be showcasing its wide range of jazz influences.

Get ready to laugh at the regular Horsebridge Comedy nights and the Monkeyshine Stand-up Comedy Showcase, where students from the University of Kent hone their craft. Ian Keable, the Accountant Magical Comedian, is sure to be another unmissable act.

For full details of the new season, visit the website at www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk.



R'n'B STAR: Wilko Johnson will be returning to Whitstable

A cracking career



ANECDOTES: Peter Sallis

AN evening with Peter Sallis is among the highlights of the spring programme at the Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells.

The star of Last of the Summer Wine and the voice of Aardman's Wallace (pictured) will be entertaining the audience with tales from his incredible career on January 24.

Clement Freud and Sir John Miller will also be sharing their favourite anecdotes later in the season. The laughs will be coming thick and fast from the likes of stand-up comedians Mark Watson, Josie Long, Jason Byrne and Stewart Lee.

Some fantastic acts have been lined up to provide music from a variety of genres, from Gilad Atzmon and The Orient House Ensemble to Fishbowl Acoustic and Georgie Fame & Sons.

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SKI CENTRE



Must-see pantos

KEEP the festive fun going and enjoy a great pantomime before the season ends.

Here's our round-up of all the fabulous family shows still on offer:

• Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury – Aladdin, starring Shaun Williamson, Stephen Mulhern and Dave Lee. Ends on Sunday, January 20. Tickets cost £8.50 to £21.50. Box office 01227 787787 or book online www.marlowetheatre.com.

• Orchard Theatre, Dartford – Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs, starring Wendi Peters (pictured). Ends on Sunday, January 13. Tickets cost £13 to £21. Box office 01322 220000 or book online www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

• Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells – Cinderella, starring Barney Harwood and Sarah Thomas. Ends on Sunday, January 6. Tickets cost £10 to £19.50. Box office 01892 530613/532072 or book online www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.

• Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone – Sleeping Beauty, starring Beau Brady and Kate Sheridan. Ends on Sunday, January 6. Tickets start at £6.95. Box office 01622 758611 or book online www.hazlitttheatre.co.uk.

• Central Theatre, Chatham – Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs, starring Shane Lynch, Sheila Ferguson and Claire Huckle. Ends on Sunday, January 6. Tickets cost £12.50 to £17.50. Box office 01634 338338 or book online www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.

• Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone – Jack and the Beanstalk, starring Gabrielle Bradshaw and Claire Coultry. Ends on Sunday, January 6. Tickets cost £10, concessions available. Box office 0870 4000 890 or book online www.leascliffhall.co.uk.



WICKED: Wendi Peters in Snow White and the Seven Dwarves at the Orchard Theatre

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Virtuoso performance

EXPERIENCE the wonderful sound of the London Mozart Players at Dartford's Orchard Theatre next month.

Violin soloist David Juritz was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and began violin lessons at the age of six with Noel Travers.

In 2006 he was the soloist with the London Mozart Players at the BBC Promenade Concerts and last year he busked his way around the world to raise money for a new fund, Musequality, helping to set up music projects in poor areas.

The programme will include Mozart's Don Giovanni Overture K527 and Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola K364, as well as Beethoven's Symphony No 2.

The conductor will be Nicholas Kraemer and Judith Busbridge will be playing principal viola.

The concert starts at 7.45pm on Wednesday, January 30 and tickets cost £23/£19 for adults or £5 for under-17s.

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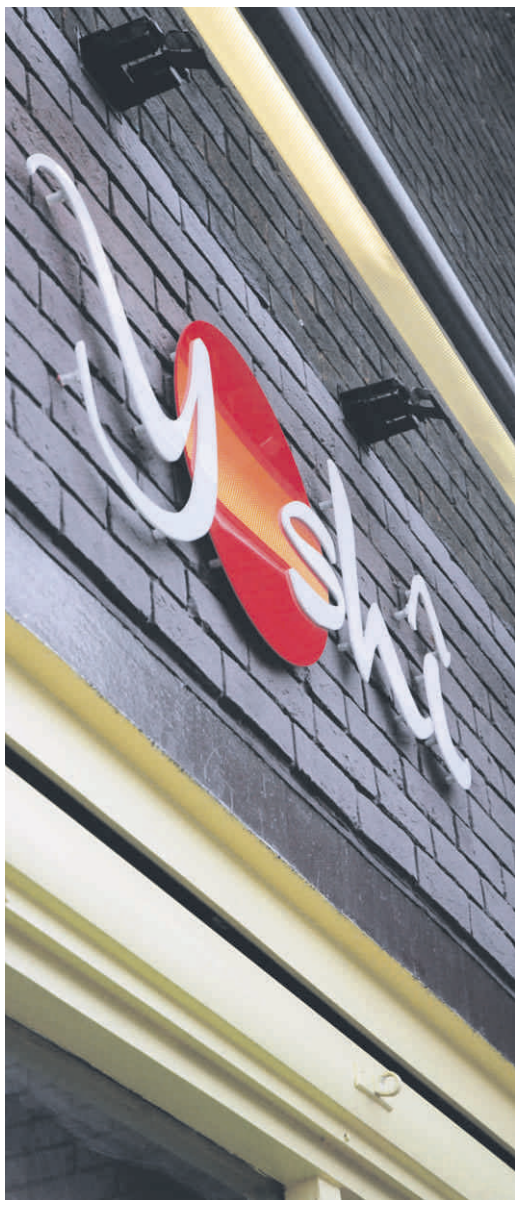


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REVIEW.**FOOD AND DRINK**



Sushi experience well worth a try

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY **CHRIS THOMSON**

AMID its historical splendour, bustling shopping centre and wide range of pubs and bars, the depth and variety of its restaurants makes Canterbury something of a Mecca when it comes to ways to wine and dine.

And so it was perhaps always inevitable that the love-it-or-hate-it sushi bar was always just around the corner.

Yoshi – not to be confused with the market leading Yo Sushi brand – is an intriguing little place.

Operated by the same team behind the popular Thais R Us oriental food outlet in St Dunstan's Street and the Shangri-La Thai restaurant in the heart of Whitstable, it is certainly a brave endeavour.

Delicious

Situated just outside the city walls – thus missing out on the core flood of tourist traffic which fuels the economy – and surrounded by Indian, Chinese and other eateries from nearer and further from home, it is up against some stiff, and more significantly established, outlets.

Sushi is, by its very reputation, a hit or miss affair for the casual diner. Of course, it is not just raw fish – but a range of delicate dishes ranging from avocado in rice wrapped with seaweed, to salmon roe; a delicious form of caviar which 'pops' in the mouth with a truly tremendous explosion of taste that even the most anti-sushi critic may be forced to eat their words.

On a midweek lunchtime, the place was – perhaps a little worryingly for its future success – deserted and the conveyor belt which takes the dishes around the tables still.

Yet the welcome was warm from staff and within moments the food was making its way towards us.



INTRIGUING: Yoshi experience is one to be enjoyed by both sushi lovers and beginners

Like Yo Sushi, the food comes on different coloured plates. Each colour relates to a price and at the end of the meal the plates are added up and your bill arrives. The top price plate weighs in at £3.50 so you can afford to treat yourself to something a little extravagant while not giving your credit card a headache.

As to the food…well, it was a definite step down from what a Yo Sushi diner would be used to.

The rice was a little stodgy and the range a little limited; although you could order anything from the menu to be prepared fresh – and everything was clearly labelled. The sushi virgin need not worry.

Yet it is so very difficult to dislike the sushi dining experience. It is firstly a little unusual, even now, and with the food moving literally under your nose, you know exactly what you are going to get before you pluck it from the conveyor.

If you don't fancy the bar-style eating experience, then you can sit at a more conventional table and be served at your seat.

What's more, with an offer of ten plates from less than £19, two of you can dine out cheaply and quickly.

To judge its atmosphere when you are the only two in the establishment is nigh on impossible – suffice to say you would hope the evenings would bring a little more custom.

But it has the potential to work.

Quite whether the appetite in a city already so well served for eateries is sufficient to see it through, remains to be seen.

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The year of the landlord

BY **CHARLOTTE WILSON**

BUY-to-let investors enjoyed another strong year in 2007 as total returns generated by the average residential investment property reached 21 per cent – the highest level for 28 months.

With a combination of buoyant house prices, strong rental income and stable yields, the typical landlord generated more than £34,500 over the past year, according to the latest Buy-to-Let Index from Paragon.

Growth in rental incomes has been exceptionally healthy over the year, reflecting the strength of demand for rented homes, with rents rising by six per cent over the past quarter and 17 per cent in the past 12 months to reach a new record level of £11,300.

The average value of buy-to-let property has also been strong, rising by 15.3 per cent over the year, but yields have remained at six per cent or above throughout 2007 as landlords have been able to increase rents in line with property values.

John Heron, Paragon's director of mortgages, said: "Returns generated by landlords are very good and compare favourably with alternative investment classes.

"An investment linked to the FTSE All Share made a year ago would have yielded just over 7.4 per cent from both capital appreciation and dividend yield, while the highest yielding internet savings accounts earn around six per cent. In comparison, the return of 21 per cent on buy-to-let looks particularly attractive."

Mr Heron continued: "Both rents and property values have grown strongly over the past 12 months. Looking forward, we can expect further upward pressure on rents to continue as first-time-buyers remain in rented accommodation for longer.

"At the same time, property prices are expected to ease in some parts of the country, which will represent an opportunity for astute landlords who can acquire additional properties at attractive prices and let them out at a good return."

Confidence

The Monetary Policy Committee's decision to cut Bank base rate by 0.25 per cent is seen as a positive factor for home buyers and for the wider economy, but is unlikely to lead to a major change in investor behaviour.

Mr Heron explained: "The rate cut will help boost confidence for consumers and contribute to an easing of the wholesale credit markets and as such will be welcomed by landlords too.

"However, they base their investment decisions not on short-term interest rate signals but rather the long-term trend for tenant demand."

The Office for National Statistics has forecast the UK population will reach up to 108 million by 2081, he said.

"Over the medium to long term, the proportion of the population living in rented homes will grow, leading in turn to further expansion in the private rented sector."



PROFITABLE: The buy-to-let market has generated healthy returns for landlords in 2008

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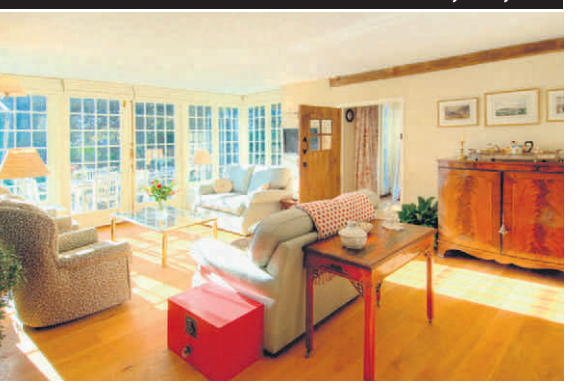
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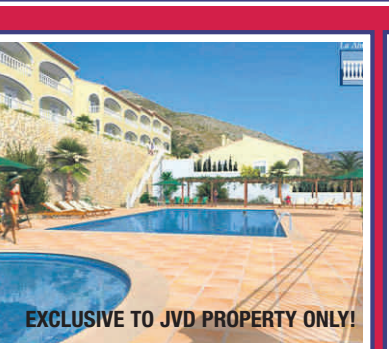
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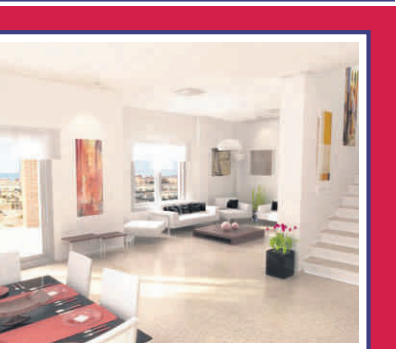

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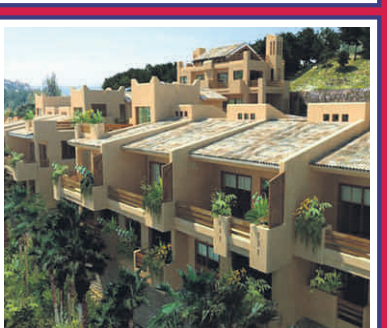

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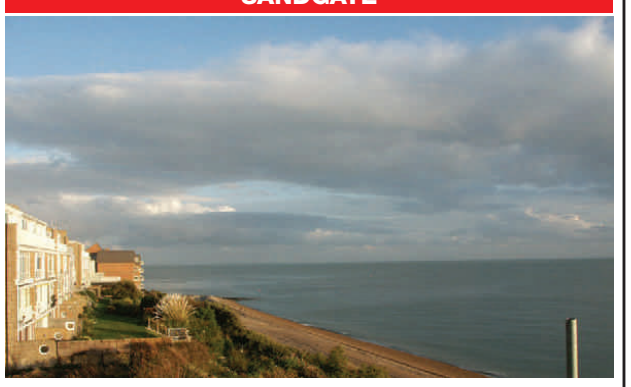
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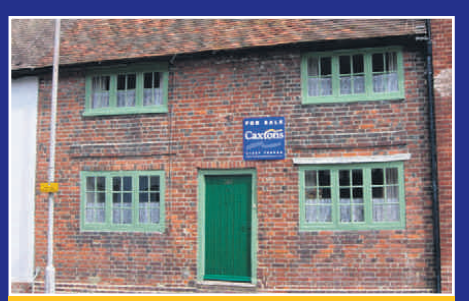
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Upstairs, the master bedroom suite has an en suite shower room while the two remaining bedrooms are served by the family bathroom.

Outside, there is an attractive, enclosed back garden, a garden to the front and a driveway. Situated on the western side of Hythe, the town centre is within easy walking distance via a pleasant walk alongside the canal. Sandling railway station, the M20, Channel Tunnel terminal and ports of Folkestone and Dover are also easily accessed by car. This property is available with a price guide of £245,000. For further information call CR Child & Partners on 01303 267421.

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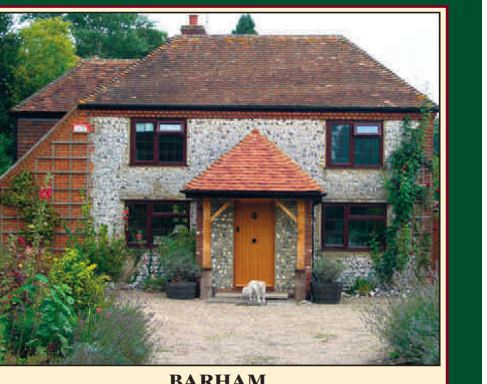
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Changing the world is my full-time job

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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BOOKS: Robert Wilson, 24, pictured in Tanzania with some of the children he has helped

WHAT started as a hobby for Robert Wilson during his student days has now turned into a full-time career.

Mr Wilson, from Tunbridge Wells, started sending books to Tanzania while studying politics at the University of Nottingham in 2003.

He launched the scheme after a fellow student told him how he had been shocked by the lack of resources in the country's schools while on his gap year.

Around 18 months ago, the scheme became an official charity, READ International, and more than 160,000 textbooks have now been sent to the East African country.

The 24-year-old said: "I certainly didn't think I'd end up doing something so altruistic.

"It is difficult to describe in words just how far we've come in the past year.

"It started off as a bunch of mates with a vision to change the world. Things have moved forward so quickly – I can't wait to see where we go from here."

READ was recently awarded Best New Charity at the Times Charity Awards 2007.

Mr Wilson said that children in Tanzania followed a similar syllabus to youngsters and the UK.

But as one of the poorest nations in the world the teachers often lack the resources to teach.

In Britain, the government pays for new textbooks every year for British pupils. Mr Wilson found good quality books, which would be invaluable to Tanzanian children and their teachers, were ending up in landfill sites.

He said: "We have got a good relationship with the [Tanzanian] minister of education.

"The Government over there has tripled the number of secondary schools but that has not been backed up by the resources. So we have come at a really good time for them."

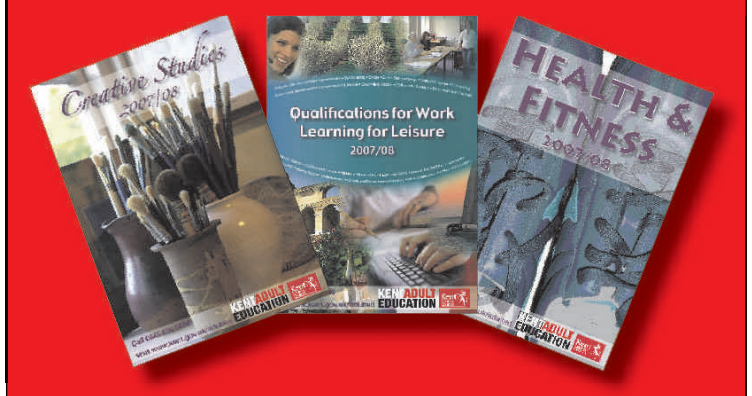
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37 hrs per week, salary no less than £40,622 per annum Post Ref: FHEC1/KoS

We are seeking an individual of the highest calibre to help achieve our goal of being one of the best FE College by 2010.
You will be responsible for the operational delivery of the strategic plan within the Engineering & Construction Faculty, and will ensure a quality provision and suitable curriculum development to aid the learner experience. You will also play a key role in contributing to the development of the College's strategic & development plans, and will lead and inspire a team of Section Managers.

As a College we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of both young people and vulnerable adults, and the promotion of this will form an integral part of your role.

You will have significant experience in education leadership and people management, and will have the leadership skills to set the highest possible standards, both within your Faculty and throughout the College.
In return, we will offer you the rewards and support you would expect at such a senior level.

For an application pack please visit **www.cant-col.ac.uk** or call the Personnel Office on **01227 811282** (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
The closing date for the above post is 15 January 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include
- Pensions and LIfe Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Proximity to main bus/train stations
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Canterbury College

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Estate & Building Services Manager

37 hrs per week, salary: £44,149 - £49,875 per annum Post ref: EBSM1/KoS
Interview Date: Tuesday 22 January 2008.

We are seeking an experienced and talented individual to ensure that College sites are fully utilised, maintained and enhanced, to provide an optimum learning and working environment for all users.
You will have the opportunity to produce, update and develop the College's property and accommodation strategies, and will prepare maintenance and small buildings works programmes and schedules.
You will lead on health and safety strategy and policy, and ensure the provision and maintenance of effective fire precautions, security systems and safety arrangements. Assisting the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in the preparation of relevant capital and revenue budgets, you will also manage the department's budgets and service contracts, and line manage the Estates team.
You will develop and manage the College's energy management policy, advise on the use of professional services in connection with estates services, and will take responsibility for buildings & grounds maintenance and security for the insurance of the premises and assets.

To be successful, you will have a relevant professional qualification such as RICS, RIBA, MBIFM, or MIMechE, as well as professional qualifications in the area of Estates Management. In addition, you will be able to demonstrate considerable and successful estates management experience. You will have demonstrable experience of managing change with a commitment to continuous improvement, as well as having direct experience of line managing staff, budgets and resource management.

Computer literate, with analytical & evaluation skills, you will have the ability to assess the future financial viability of projects and development opportunities, have a high level of interpersonal skills and the ability to influence and work with colleagues across the College.

You will also have a commitment to educational and training values, and to Equal Opportunities.

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Section Manager Equine, Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.
Post ref: 08/08/KOS

Temporary Train to Gain Manager
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.
Fixed term post for up to 18 months.
Post Ref: 08/09/KOS

Lecturer Motor Vehicle
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.
Post Ref: 07/29/KOS

Lecturer Health & Social Care
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 05/39/KOS

Lecturer Beauty Therapy
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/05/KOS

Key Skills Lecturer – Travel & Tourism
22.2 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/09/KOS

Lecturer History
9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 00/131/KOS

Lecturer Dyslexia/Dyscalculia
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.
Post Ref: 06/210/KOS

Lecturer Key Skills
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/10/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)
Post Ref: S/BS/KOS

Floristry
Post Ref: S/FL/KOS

Equine Studies
Post Ref: S/EQ

Health & Social Care
Post Ref: S/HSC/KOS

Early Years
Post Ref: S/EY/KOS

Health & Social Care (with a maternity nurse background)
Post Ref: S/MAT/KOS

HE Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:
Please specify your area/s of expertise in your application form.
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

HND Music Technology
Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

HND Music Performance
Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

BA (Hons) Creative Music Production & Technology
Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

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Supply NVQ Assessor Health & Social Care
Various hours available. Salary range £17,640 – £25,294 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S./NVQ/KOS

Senior Nursery Officer – Education and Curriculum
37 hrs per week. Salary starting from £16,284 per annum.
Post Ref: 08/04/KOS

Curriculum Support Assistant Music
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/03/KOS

Curriculum Support Assistant – Beauty
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post ref: 04/118/KOS

Learning Support – Independent Living & Leisure Skills
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum. One Year fixed term post
Post Ref: 07/71/KOS

Resource Assistant/Placement Organiser
18.5 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: RA17/KOS

Central Administrator
37 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 per annum.
Post Ref: 06/157/KOS

Central Administrator
27 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 07/48/KOS

Supply Trainer Demonstrator Motor Vehicle
Various hours available. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/TD/KOS

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Highways - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHEESEMANS GREEN LANE, CHEESEMANS GREEN, ASHFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Cheesemans Green Lane, Ashford on or after Monday 14 January 2008 when required for a period of up to 16 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic on Brockmans Lane, Featherbed Lane and for westbound traffic vice versa.

Capita Symonds apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway works in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Bill Harrison of Capital Symonds on 01635 524700.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEWTOWN ROAD, ASHFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Newtown Road, Ashford from approx 42m west of Newtown Railway Bridge to a point approx 110m east of Newtown Railway Bridge on or after Wednesday 2 January 2008 for an estimated period of up to 10 months or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via A2042 Romney Marsh Road, A2042 Bad Munstereifel Road, A2070 Bad Munstereifel Road, The Boulevard (U23475), Crowbridge Road (C623), Newtown Road (C623) with westbound being vice versa.

Kent Highway Services and Ashford's Future apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway/footway widening and the reconstruction of the existing railway bridge. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nigel Harper C/O Jacobs UK Limited on 01622 666189.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SAUNDERS LANE, ASH)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works to lay a communication duct are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Saunders Lane, Ash from the junction with Sandwich Road to the junction with New Street on or after 14 January 2008 for an estimated period of three weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Sandwich Road and New Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(RICHBOROUGH ROAD, SANDWICH)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because carriageway repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Richborough Road, Sandwich from from the boundary of the property known as Reed Pond Cottage for a distance of approximately 600 metres in a North-Easterly direction on or after 14 January 2008, for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Ash Road, A257 Sandwich Road, Cooper Street and Richborough Road.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
SPAREPENNY LANE, EYNSFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Sparepenny Lane, Eynsford between London Road and Crockenhill Lane.

The Order will become effective on 14th January 2008, for a period of ten weeks or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: High Street, Farningham; A225 Eynsford Road, Riverside, Sparepenny Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new Gas Main.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
DENNETSLAND ROAD, CROCKHAM HILL
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Dennettsland Road, Crockham Hill from its junction with Main Road for a distance of 200m.

The Order will become effective on 14th January 2008, for a period of five days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Main Road, Spout Lane and Dennettsland Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate access to a BT manhole cover to make repairs.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
SWANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, SWANLEY
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Swanley Village Road between its junctions with Button Street and Beechenlea Lane.

The Order will become effective on 14th January 2008, for a period of four days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Swanley Village Road, Button Street, A20 London Road, Beechenlea Lane, Swanley Village Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Duct laying works for BT.

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule below. The alternative routes for diverted traffic are listed in column 2. The order will come into force on or after 7th January 2008 for a period not exceeding 18 months.

THE SCHEDULE

1. The affected routes	2.The alternative routes
Speldhurst Hill, Speldhurst. From its junction with Wallers to its junction with Langton	Langton Road, Speldhurst Road, The Green, (A264) Langton Road, Lower Green Road and Speldhurst Hill.
Queens Road, Hawkhurst. From its junction with Queens Court to its junction with Park Cottage	(A268) Rye Road, (A229) Cranbrook Road and Ockley Road

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGHSTREET TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(ONE WAY) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway work's to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic, No person shall cause or permit any vehicles to proceed in High Street Tunbridge Wells in south westerly direction from its junction with London Road to its junction with Vale Road on or after 7th January 2008 for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative route for the route described above is (A26) and (A263)

It should be noted that the 7th January 2008 is only a provisional date as to when the works will start.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works will start and be completed.

Any person wishing to make enquiries about the proposal in are requested to telephone 08458 247800

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(TEA GARDEN LANE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Tea Garden Lane at a point outside Hillside to Rusthall Farm when required on or after Wednesday 2nd January 2008 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound traffic via Langton Road, Major Yorks Road, Hungershall Park, High Rocks Lane, Tea Garden Lane and for northbound traffic vice versa.

John Jarvis Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works which are necessary to reconstruct a stone wall. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Mr B Scott on 01892 539666.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEWCHURCH LANE AND VARIOUS ROADS, SHEPWAY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because carriageway repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Newchurch Lane and Various Roads, Shepway as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 14 January 2008 for an estimated period of one week whenever appropriate signs are displayed on site, or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Newchurch Lane, Newchurch	From the boundary of the property known as Lodgeland Farm for a distance of approximately 250 meters in a Northerly direction	Mill House Lane, School Farm Road, Hope All Saints and Ashford Road	From 14 January 2008 for one week, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.
Midley Wall, Old Romney	From the junction with Hawthorne Corner to the boundary of the property known as Hawthorne Cottages	Swamp Road, Wheelgate and Beggarsbush Lane	From 14 January 2008 for one week, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.
Salters Lane, Brookland	From the junction with Harvey Road for a distance of approximately 250 meters in a North-Easterly direction.	Harvey Road, A259 Rye Road and Salter's Lane	From 14 January 2008 for one week, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.
Harvey Road, Brookland	From the junction with Salters Lane to the junction with A259 Rye Road	A259 Rye Road, Beckett Road and Harvey Road	From 14 January 2008 for one week, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.
The Street, Burmarsh	From the boundary of the property known as Bellfield Farm to the junction with Eastbridge Road	Gigger's Green Road, Knoll Hill and Frogmore Lane	From 14 January 2008 for one week, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HOOK WALL, OLD ROMNEY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because carriageway repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hook Wall, Old Romney from the boundary of the property known as Blue House Farm to the junction with Coldharbour Lane on or after 14 January 2008, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site, for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Beggarsbush Lane, A259 Lydd Road, A259 Straight Lane, A259 Guildeford Lane and Hook Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HORN STREET, HYTHE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because water utility works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Horn Street, Hythe as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 2 January 2008 for an estimated period as described in column 4 of the Schedule to this Order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1 Horn Street, Hythe	From the junction with Seabrook Vale to the junction with Spring Lane	Seabrook Road, Sandgate Esplanade, Sandgate High Street, Military Road, North Road, Pond Hill Road and Church Road	2 January 2008 for two months
Phase 2 Horn Street, Hythe	From the junction with Spring Lane to the junction with Valley Walk.	Naildown Road, High Ridge and Spring Lane	27 February 2008 for two months

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BROAD OAK ROAD, CANTERBURY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because gas utility and carriageway resurfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Broad Oak Road, Canterbury from the junction with Kingsmead Road to the junction with Farleigh Road on or after 14 January 2008, for an estimated period of twelve weeks when the appropriate signs are displayed on site, and then on or after 31 March 2008 for up to three days or nights when the appropriate signs are displayed on site, or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Kingsmead Road, Sturry Road and Vauxhall Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHURCH LANE, SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because electrical utility works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Lane, Seasalter, Whitstable as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 14 January 2008 for an estimated period as described in column 4 of the Schedule to this Order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Church Lane, Seasalter, Whiststable	From the junction with Heritage Close to the entrance of Homing Caravan Park	Faversham Road, Joy Lane, Borstal Hill and A2990 Thanet Way	From 14 January 2008 for five days, between the hours of 9.30am and 4.00pm only
Phase 2			
Church Lane, Seasalter, Whiststable	Rolling closure in three stages from the junction with Faversham Road and the junction with A2990 Thanet Way	Faversham Road, Joy Lane, Borstal Hill and A2990 Thanet Way	For up to six weeks or until such works are complete, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHITTY LANE, CHISLET)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because highway reconstruction works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Chitty Lane, Chislet from the boundary of the property known as Old School House to the boundary of the property known as Tipper House on or after 14 January 2008, for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete, as and when appropriate signs are displayed on site.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Chitty Lane and Church Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(KING EDWARD ROAD, HERNE BAY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because construction works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting waiting at any time on King Edward Road, Herne Bay from the western boundary of number 7 for a distance of 20 metres in an easterly direction, and from the western boundary of number 10 for a distance of 20 metres in an easterly direction, on or after 14 January 2008 for an estimated period of eighteen months or until such works are complete.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(EBBSFLEET LANE, MINSTER)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because track renewal works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Ebbsfleet Lane, Minster at Sevenscore level crossing on or after 30 December 2007 for an estimated period as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A256 Sandwich Road, A299 Canterbury Road West and Thorne Hill.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	Duration	Programmed date
Ebbsfleet Lane, Minster	Sevenscore Level Crossing	Between the hours of 1am and 6.10am	30 December 2007
Ebbsfleet Lane, Minster	Sevenscore Level Crossing	Between 2.25am on 5 January 2008 and 11.50 on 6 January 2008	5 January 2008
Ebbsfleet Lane, Minster	Sevenscore Level Crossing	Between 2.25am on 12 January 2008 and 11.50 on 13 January 2008	12 January 2008
Ebbsfleet Lane, Minster	Sevenscore Level Crossing	Between 2.25am on 8 March 2008 and 6pm on 9 March 2008	8 March 2008

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGH STREET AND MARKET STREET, MARGATE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because kerb and footway works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on High Street and Market Street, Margate as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order, on or after 14 January 2008 for an estimated period of twelve weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Marine Drive, Marine Gardens and Queen Street.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected
High Street, Margate	From the junction with Market Street to the junction with New Street.
Market Street, Margate	From the junction with High Street to the junction with Lombard Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(COTTAGE ROAD, RAMSGATE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because BT duct desilting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cottage Road, Ramsgate from the junction with Albion Mews to the junction with Wellington Crescent on or after 16 January 2008 for an estimated period of one day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Cottage Road, Abbots Hill, Albion Place, Maderia Walk and Wellington Crescent.

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FULL-TIME mum, 26, loves pubs, clubs, cinema, family days out, GSOH, likes socialising, relaxing, looking for honest, loyal, fun, romantic person who's N/S. Box 900347 P

CONFIDENT female, 28, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, into most things in life, seeks genuine guy for friendship/more. Box 434229

ATTRACTIVE female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494 P

SINGLE mum, 29, 5ft1, brown hair/blue eyes. I'm new to Margate, and I'm looking for a guy with a GSOH. I enjoy going out, socialising etc. Box 431105

BLACK, beautiful, curvy, single mum, 31, enjoys outdoors, cooking, home-life, cosy nights in, eating out, cinema looking for tall, sincere gentleman for friendship/relationship. Box 432283

AFRICAN lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128

MUM of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 P

OUTGOING, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, East Peckham, nr Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship leading to more. Box 433107 P

SINCERE female, 35, 5ft3, brunette, likes the gym, staying in, seeks mixed race, tall male for friendship and more. Box 433256

SINGLE parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6 and long hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447

INDEPENDENT, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771 P

ACTIVE, affectionate female, 35, 5ft3, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, watching wrestling, WLTM tall, dark & handsome bloke. Box 430932

LOVING female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

SINGLE 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

ATTRACTIVE, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curvy but slim, like country pubs etc, WLTM spontaneous male for LTR. Box 403299 P

KENT female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

KIND, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 P

39YR old single mum, own house, 5'7", brown hair, seeking kind-hearted man for companionship. Box 433637

DECENT 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

DIVORCED, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332

I'M Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

HARD-WORKING female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

KIND woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford. Box 428464

DEAL-BASED lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 P

KIND, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 P

PLEASANT female, 43, medium-large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

PETITE, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

44YR old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448

FRIENDLY, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 P

ROMANTIC woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTM a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511

BLONDE haired, attractive female, 46, 5ft4, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheerness. Box 432618

SINCERITY, honesty, intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 P

ATTRACTIVE female, 47, 5ft5, slim, black origin, practising Catholic educated professional, divorced, likes reading, classical music, gardening, seeking genuine, honest, loving male. Ashford. Box 434548

BUBBLY, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

HI, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833

FUN African woman, 49, likes walking, places of interest, seeks similar male, GSOH, to share interests with possibly more. Ashford. Box 429269

LOVING and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

ATTRACTIVE, blonde woman, 5'4", 49, enjoys the gym, cooking, cinema, theatre, travel and restaurants, seeks male for friendship. Box 388091 P

SUE, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904

PRIMROSE, 51, divorced with 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I'm 5ft2, with dark hair, looking for someone for companionship. Box 433580

LOYAL, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

SLIM female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easy-going and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks. Box 434052

MODERN, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde hair, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTM gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship, possible relationship. Box 825500

48YR old divorcee, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, like dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out. WLTM a man who would like to share some good times. Box 901027 P

SPORTY female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367

LIVELY, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271

LONELY, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420

FEMALE, 51, 5'6", attractive, red-head, green eyes, seeking professional, male soulmate, 45-55. West Kent. Box 477686

BRIGHT, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419966

LIVELY, special lady, 54, honest, friendly, caring with varied interests, including outdoor sports, travel, keeping fit, music, reading and social events, WLTM like-minded, easygoing male. Box 430607

BUBBLY, outgoing female, 54, likes pubs, walks, horse riding, country life. seeks genuine gentleman, 48-52, for companionship. friendship, possible LTR. Box 386913

ATTRACTIVE, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928

YOUNG-AT-HEART, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTM understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745

FRIENDLY female 56, likes most things in life, cinema, clubs, pubs, WLTM tall, sincere, caring male, for friendship and good times. Box 320642

YOUNG, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739

FUN loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560 P

SPIRITUALLY minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723

BRUNETTE lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

YOUNG 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate. Box 434424



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WIDOWED woman, 61, no ties, positive, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

USEFUL, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/acting, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, un-complicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first. Box 434345

KIND-HEARTED, 63yr old lady, looking for genuine, down-2-earth male to share the simple things in life and enjoy life with. Ramsgate. Box 410983

CUDDLY, loving lady, 64, who loves nice conversations, staying in, wining/dining, loves animals, gardening, WLTM considerate, faithful gent for companionship. Box 427579

ATTRACTIVE, bubbly lady, 60s, enjoys good food/wine, bowls, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine male, 60+, for friendship first possibly more. Box 428798

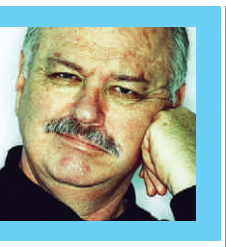
Women for women

SOCIABLE female, 24, 5ft2, long hair, hazel eyes, enjoys the beach, cooking, barbecues, clubs, pubs, looking for female mates, maybe more. Box 428658

LOVING, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, blue eyes, like music, socialising, seeks a like-minded female. Box 431117

CUDDLY, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving/caring. Box 433152

CAPRICORN female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTM someone in Maidstone area. Box 434547



MEN for WOMEN

CARE assistant, male, 30, hazel eyes/brown hair, I enjoy nights in/out. WLTM nice girl, similar age, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Canterbury. Box 423431 P

SWEET guy, 31, 5ft8, athletic build, looking for a possible long term relationship, or fun dates out. Box 898885 P

36YR old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 P

SINGLE dad of 2, 35, 6', blond, blue eyes, enjoys cycling, swimming, country walks, seeks female for friendship and more. Box 404402

GOOD-LOOKING male 35, 5'8", no-ties, enjoys pubs, restaurants, holidays, bowling, theme parks and more, seeks petite female, to share good times with. Ashford. Box 198029

DOWN-TO-EARTH, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 P

ATTRACTIVE, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

MARGATE man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 P

ROMANTIC male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 433795

GOOD-LOOKING male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTM nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 P

ROCHESTER boy, 38, 6ft4 medium/muscular build, dark eyes/hair, enjoy playing guitar, fishing, love animals, WLTM lady with an hourglass figure for fun, friendship and more. Box 417856

SINGLE male, 39 years old, 2 sons, very interested in all kinds of sports, seeking a lovely lady. Box 899774 P

ATHLETIC guy, 38, black hair, looking for a sweet girl, for fun and laughter and maybe more. Tonbridge. Box 425268

PETER, 38, 5ft11, slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 P

OUTGOING, laid-back, genuine guy, 40, looking for a similar female, 25-45, for perhaps a LTR. Box 434398

SINGLE male, 40 years old, 5ft4, medium build, dark hair, brown eyes, looking for a bubbly, adventurous female, who's fun to be with. Box 433540 P

HI, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTM an out-going female for good times. Box 899004

STRAIGHT guy, 40, happy with everything in life, would like someone special to share it with. Box 907584

LOVABLE, gentle guy, 38, likes most things in life, seeks a female for laughter, fun together, enjoinment. Box 260717

FUN-LOVING male, 39, 5'10", muscular build, enjoys most things in life. seeks female, who enjoys a laugh, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. Box 395339

LAID-BACK, 40yr old single dad of 2, like country walks, going out, socialising, seeks female, GSOH, for friendship, possibly relationship. Gillingham. Box 409834

THOUGHTFUL male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053 P

41YR old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635

GREAT guy, young looking 42, no ties. I'm 5ft7, stocky build, fit, short hair/hazel eyes, been called handsome! I'm sporty, a non-smoker and enjoy holidays. Box 431226 P

KIND, caring, generous male, 41, own home/car, likes sports, cinema, the normal things. seeks loving, generous, kind female, for possible romance. Box 387261

HELLO you, if you're fed up with looking back at the past and wondering 'oh what if?' I'm 41 and I'm your man! Box 909888 P

42YR old, male, good health, good job, home/car, good friends and family, work hard, like to play when I can, down to earth. Box 913490

WARM, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

SIMON, 53, 6'2", love the good times, like intelligent conversations, like going out, live bands, WLTM a cheerful, sociable female. Box 431425

SLIM male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTM genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham. Box 425419 P

KIND, caring male, 43, 5ft7, blond, blue eyes, likes going out, staying in, seeks tactile female who enjoys life. Box 426360

BUS driver, 43, 5ft7, live in Chatham, likes pubs/clubs, sports, having fun, looking for a loving, caring female, for fun, hopefully more. Box 434610

44-YEAR-OLD man, interests include socialising, days out, keeping fit, days out, seeking a caring, honest female, to share fun times. Box 433992

YOUNG-AT-HEART 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easy-going nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTM adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940

TALL, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR.Ashford. Box 430121

45 year old man, 5ft10, medium build, looking to begin again. I'm romantic, solvent, down-to-earth, enjoy most things in life, seeking a LTR. Chatham. Box 430228

HARD-WORKING, loving, loyal, honest man, 45, OHAC, enjoys cinema, West Ham, weekends away, life, lot of love to give. seeking my soulmate, 40-48, slim/medium build. Box 431914

PROFESSIONAL male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202

46YR male, 5ft7, enjoys cinema, socialising, meals out, long walks on the beach, looking for a special lady, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Box 432611

SEPARATED, kind, honest, down to earth, 46yr old male, 5'6", brown eyes, athletic build, interests include music, live bands, cycling, gardening, walking, dogs, pubs. Box 906985

WARM, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating male, 46, well groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 924095 P

ACTIVE male, 47, 6ft4, dark hair, blue eyes, medium build, loves playing rugby, socialising, pubs, meeting friends/family, seeking tall, positive, happy, bubbly female. Box 434561

GOOD-LOOKING male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easygoing female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446

YOUNG-LOOKING, romantic male, 58, 5'7", slim/medium build, like the countryside, meals out, theatre, cinema, looking for a affectionate, tactile lady to share good moments. Box 417889

YOUNG 51, good-looking, young-looking, N/S, GSOH, fit, romantic, solvent, caring, likes most things in life; food/wine etc, seeking a genuine lady to share life with. Box 434593

WIDOWER, 5ft10, 53, GSOH, outgoing, fairly fit, genuine, sincere, scrub up well, like clubs, music, travel, holidays, WLTM nice female, 50-58, with similar outlook. Box 434562

HAPPY chap, 53, 5ft5, medium build, likes most things in life, dancing, gardening, travel, seeking someone to share the good times with. Margate. Box 426782

SENSITIVE, loyal, attentive, playful male, 51, enjoys gym, live music, cinema, meals out, walks, conversation, WLTM female, 45-65 for trust, friendship/LTR. Whitstable. Box 181246

GARY, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex doorman, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009 P

SIMPLE, laid-back, happy go lucky male, 56, GSOH, like most things in life, WLTM fun female to share good things in life. Ashford. Box 419677

LOOKING for an extrovert, attractive female, 30-50, with a passion for tactile, hungry meetings. I'm 56, can't wait to hear your voice! Box 429567

56YR old male, 5ft9, easy-going, single, fairly shy, interests include sports, going out, walking, the countryside, not into nightclubs etc. Ashford. Box 434606

HI, I'm a genuine, tall, good-looking, easygoing, retired, tactile male, 60, GSOH, looking for fun, intelligent lady, 45+, to share life. Box 434226

SLIM, fit male, 63, 5ft10, N/S, blue eyes, own business, home, squirrel etc, many interests, WLTM kind-hearted lady, GSOH. Box 901915 P

Men for men

MIXED race male, 34, 5'11", average build, like going out, sports etc. looking for fun, friendship, maybe more with younger guy. Ashford/surrounding area. Box 900477

I'M Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, DIY, theatre, keeping fit, travelling, looking for young male, N/S. Box 423252 P

57YR old man, heavy build, gay, passive, masculine acting, interested in most things especially computers and the internet, N/S, seeking a LTR. Sittingbourne. Box 433384

61YR old easy-going guy, likes reading, the outdoors, keeping fit, looking for a similar, quiet person, N/S, with a positive outlook in life. Box 428136

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BEAUTIFUL, black, curvy female, 30, WLTM honest, genuine man, for a relationship and maybe more. Folkestone. Box 408865

CARING, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

HONEST, loyal, caring lady, 32, hard-working, 5ft8, medium build, likes eating out, spending time with friends/family, meeting new people, going to new places, seeking similar. Box 432586

32YR old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, cosy nights in, evenings out, WLTM tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430993

SUSAN, 33, long hair, hazel eyes, tanned, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 429879

CAROLINE, 32, 5ft10, brown hair, likes going out, having fun, cinema, seeks outgoing male for friendship and more. Box 430833 P

HI, I'm Annabelle, 32, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, divorced, 2 children, WLTM a tall, local man, enjoys sport, shopping and relaxing. Tonbridge. Box 420609

SINGLE mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670

CREATIVE, happy, loving female, 32, 5ft, blonde/blue eyes, seeks kind, warm, sincere, patient male, with a car, to share my life with. Box 392354

LOVING, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTM caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460

MEDWAY female, 36, 5ft8, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372 P

36YR old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374

HAPPY, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate. Box 433539

SINGLE mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5ft4, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things in life. Box 898868

36YR old single lady, long blonde hair, big blue eyes, slim, 5ft7, looking for a guy who's caring, honest, for TLC and maybe more. Box 902011

36YR old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent. Box 912176 P

ATTRACTIVE 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, with curves, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks exciting, fun male for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 P

HONEST, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 P

CHATTY female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun. seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889 P



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Merc is safe bet to carry all before it

MERCEDES-BENZ has heralded the arrival of the new C-Class Estate by picking up a maximum safety rating for the existing saloon.

The German marque sets high standards in safety and pioneered the passenger safety cell and crumple zones; it has now collected a five-star award in the European NCAP crash tests to make the 'C' one of the safest cars on sale.

The latest model has seven airbags, seatbelt tensioners, belt-force limiters and 'Neck Pro' crash-responsive head restraints fitted as standard, but Mercedes says 70 per cent of the body panels are made from high-strength steel alloys to maximise safety yet minimise weight.

By **STEVE LOADER**

In addition the car is fitted with the latest gadgetry to help ensure that a crash does not happen in the first place, such as ESP (electronic stability programme) and brake assist/ABS.

The safety accolade is an added bonus ahead of anticipation generated by the estate model, which promises to blend the saloon's sporting credentials with genuine load-lugging ability in a sector where some contenders err towards a superficial 'lifestyle estate' image.

Mercedes says the new car will carry a maximum of 1,500 litres – 146 better than the car it replaces, 85 more than the Jaguar X-Class Estate, a 115 edge over the BMW 3-Series Touring and a 320 hike ahead of the Audi A4 Avant.

Put into a context that many would-be buyers will relate to, this means the C-Class 'wagon' can carry four golf bags including trolleys.

There are also numerous aids to better load-carrying: bag hooks, anchor rings, net covers, a collapsible shopping crate and a push-button electronically-operated tailgate.

There is an optional 'Easy-Pack' kit too, for partitioning the load compartment and securing any cargo.

The car has a best-in-class towing capacity of up to 1,800kg and optional self-levelling suspension to maintain a constant ride height regardless of loading.

But the new C-Class Estate is not all about upmarket utility; in common with its saloon sister, the car is available with classic and sport grilles.

The former, with its three-pointed star mounted above the latest incarnation of the familiar radiator grille, is designed to keep traditional buyers happy.

The sport grille with the badge mounted coupe-style in the middle, is designed to attract younger buyers and possible converts to the brand.

Combined with the muscular lines carried over from the saloon and an excellent all-round driving experience, the new C-Class Estate promises to be quite a load lugger.

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This sounds risky

MUSIC 'police' at the British Phonographic Institute (BPI) say a new hard drive audio system appearing on cars has the potential to infringe copyright laws.

The BPI says: "Owners should remove copied music from the hard drive before selling their car, just as they would with a MP3 player or computer with music on. If the tunes are still loaded, you are distributing it, which is in breach of copyright."

The controversial drive has made its UK debut on the Mitsubishi Outlander SUV and its clones, the Citroën C-Crosser and Peugeot 4007.

Moke to return

OFF-ROAD specialists at Magna Steyr in Austria are working with BMW to produce a spiritual successor to the original Mini Moke.

The Moke was an open-sided utilitarian/military spin-off from the original 1960s Mini. Its 21st century successor, the Mini SAV, will be a complete car and much less primitive in design.

Impreza is a bargain buy



SUBARU is reinvigorating its UK presence and now courting attention with a bargain price for its all-new Impreza performance flagship.

The new and distinctive five-door WRX STI, with its large blistered wheel arches and 2.5-litre/297bhp turbocharged flat four 'boxer' engine, will cost £24,995 – £1,600 less than the old model.

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Mercedes SLK still looks good

PRICES have yet to be announced, but Mercedes-Benz has performed a major facelift to its SLK roadster without ruining its glamorous looks.

The German marque says the revised car features 650 newly developed parts.

Most noticeable are tweaks to the front and rear and a modified interior with a new instrument cluster and three-spoke sports wheel.

A major improvement on its lukewarm predecessor, the second generation car's sporting attractions have now been enhanced by a new 305bhp V6 engine option and the availability of a direct-steer system.

Mindful of the overall move to a greener motoring world though, Mercedes has made all engines in the line-up more economical too.

The revised SLK will be available from April 2008.





Mazda's '2' proves to be real tough nut

LIGHTWEIGHT it might be, but Mazda's new '2' supermini can take a punch.

The lithe newcomer – designed to save fuel and deliver a more responsive drive – has been awarded one of the best small car safety ratings in the Euro NCAP crash tests.

It earned a maximum five-stars for adult protection, plus a class-leading four for child protection and a competitive two for pedestrian protection.

The new Mazda2 weighs less than 1,000kg, significantly less than its predecessor and offers CO2 emissions as low as 129g/km and up to 52.3mpg.

Small Ford's extra attraction



AFTER catching the eye with a stunning all-new Mondeo and major restyle for UK top seller, the Focus, Ford has turned its attention to its big-selling small cars.

Special editions of the Fiesta supermini and Fusion junior MPV, have joined a striking Two-Tone Ka city car, already unveiled.

Selling fast is the £12,595 Fiesta Celebration – lime green with a chequered roof and sporting look – while the Fiesta Zetec Blue is based on bargain-priced Style Climate models and costs £200, but brings £800 of extra standard features.

Interestingly, Ford has also chosen to chivvy up Fusion sales by producing 500 Pursuit special editions – the Fiesta outsells its more utilitarian sister by nearly 10 to one normally.

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FORD MONDEO LX 2.0 TDCI ESTATE £7995.00
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FORD MONDEO LX 2.0I AUTOMATIC 140PS £7495.00
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07/56, 20000 Miles Moondust Silver, 5 door Hatchback, PAS, ABS, Air Bags, Alloy Wheels, Air Con, Remote Central Locking, Electric Windows, Electric Mirrors, One Owner, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Player, Stereo, Sports Pack, Euro4 engine.

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FORD FIESTA STYLE 1.4I £5495.00
05/55, 33000 Miles Moondust Silver, 5 door Hatchback, PAS, ABS, Air Bag, Passenger Air Bag, Remote Central Locking, Electric Windows, One Owner, FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Player, Stereo.

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2006/55, 53000 Miles Artic Silver Blue (Charcoal /Grey Cloth), 5 door Saloon Diesel, Climate Control, PAS, ABS, Alloy Wheels, Air Conditioning, Remote Central Locking, Cruise Control, Electric Windows, Electric Mirrors, One Owner, FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Player, Multiple Air-bags

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06(56) COLT 1500CC CZT TURBO, 3dr, pas, air con, remote c/lock, double airbags, abs, sport seats, alloys, CD/radio, rear spoiler, 3,000 miles finished in met illusion blue at only was £13,250 now	£11,995	£11745	£250
06 (56) COLT 1300cc EQUIPPE 5dr, pas, air con, e/wind, remote c/locking, double airbags, CD/radio, Abs, finished in met Indigo blue, with under 500 miles	£8,295	£8045	£250
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06 (56) SHOGUN SPORT 2.5 TD TROJAN, pas, air con, abs, leather, alloys, side steps, e/wind, CD/Radio, c/locking, airbags, front spots, under 7,000 miles finished in met starlight silver	£15,995	£15,745	£250
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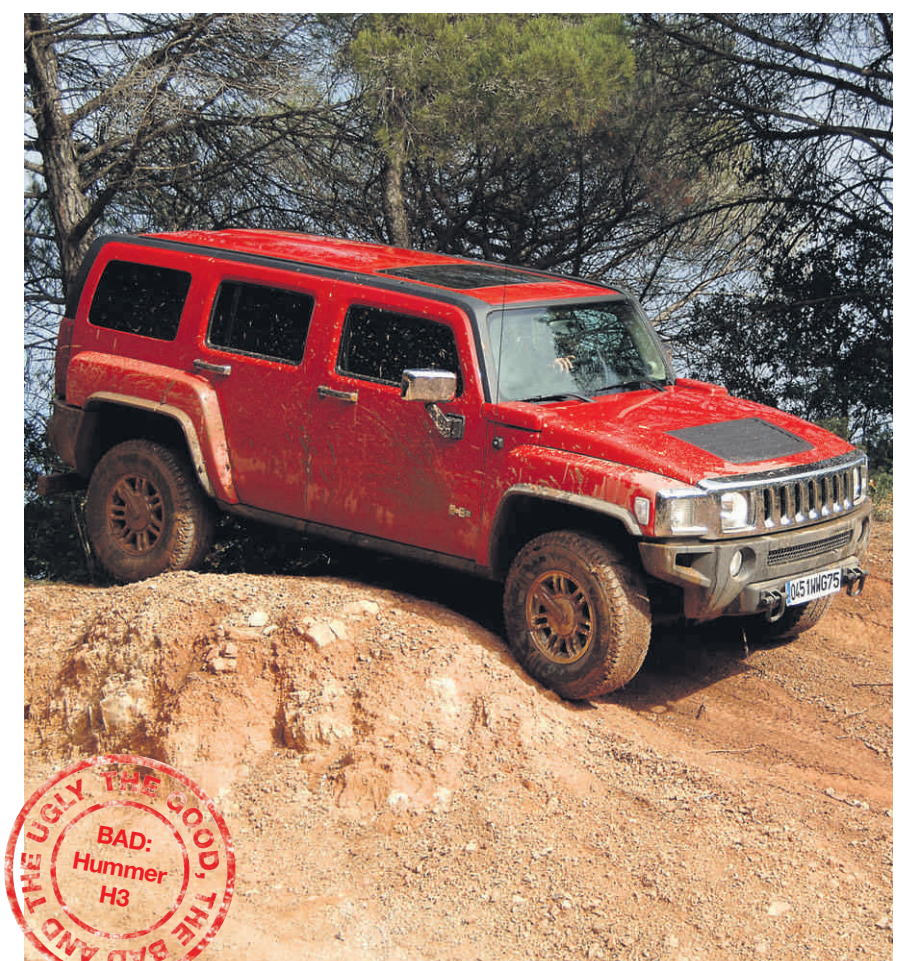
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The good, the bad and

Motoring editor Steve Loader's take on 2007 and what's



GLOBAL warming has cast the motor car as the villain of the piece, but the love affair is far from over.

The pace of car launches, new derivations and the hunt for new vehicle niches never flags as manufacturers pander to our every desire.

So, 2007 – likely to be recorded as the year we finally bought into 'going green' – saw some interesting arrivals and 2008 promises to be even more productive.



THE GOOD

Audi R8 (2007): Audi's first supercar was derided by some as a 'cloned Lamborghini', but it looks superb and has enough buyers queuing to ensure that another sports car manufacturer – now VW Audi Group's biggest shareholder – will probably make sure that 'demand dwindles' before it becomes a threat to the Porsche 911.

Citroën C5 (2008): Wow! Where did that come from? Citroën has started to outshine senior partner Peugeot in the styling department and we now have this classy C5 replacement to look forward to in mid-2008.

Fiat 500 (2008): Modelled on the 1960s 'Cinquecento' and likely to give the Mini a run for its money in the 'retro chic' arena, the new 500 arrives in January. Based on the existing Panda platform, it took the 2007 Car of the Year award anyway.

Expect to see more manufacturers looking backwards to take their brand forwards: Citroën is using the legendary 2CV 'Tin Snail' to inspire the next C3 supermini, BMW is working on a new age 'Bubble Car' and a reborn Jaguar could yet make a belated successor to the E-Type.

Fiat Bravo (2007): With the 500 waiting in the wings, the resurgent Italian brand came up with this classy looking Ford Focus rival as a curtain-raiser.

Ford Mondeo (2007): By launching this third generation Mondeo, Ford raised the bar for the 'mainstream' market sector and also posted a challenge to the German marques. It is a sophisticated and well-made family car held back only by the everyday badge on the bonnet.

Jeep Patriot (2007): 4x4 for the price of a family hatch. Nuff said.

Kia Ceed (2007): A seven-year warranty would be enough to sell this Ford Focus rival, but good prices and all-round appeal are also bundled in. A formidable package and proof that 'the Koreans are coming'.

Mazda6 (2007): Ford fancies taking on the Germans with the new Mondeo; Mazda is actually



the ugly

in store for next year

doing it with the second generation '6'.

Mercedes C-Class (2007): All-new compact executive model is muscular and great to drive. At last, Merc has a car to attack the BMW 3-Series.

Mitsubishi Outlander/Citroën C-Crosser/ Peugeot 4007 (2007): This smart 5+2-seat 4x4 is a Mitsubishi design, but gave the French marques a belated chance to offer an SUV (sports utility vehicle). The more I've driven various versions, the more I'm impressed – a road test on the Peugeot appears shortly in Kent on Sunday and on www.carsforkent.co.uk.

Nissan Qashqai (2007): Nissan gave people what they wanted with the Qashqai, even if the name sounds like a bad sneeze. It's part SUV, part family hatch, part people carrier – and the Nissan Sunderland plant can't keep pace with demand.

Volvo C30 (2007): Thanks to a botched launch schedule, Volvo's elegant coupe cum sporting hatch got off to a faltering start, but it is worth a second look for mixing style, a good chassis, great engines and a touch of class.

THE BAD

Dodge Nitro (2007): This SUV could be forgiven its brick-like styling, but for the agricultural ride and driving experience.

Hummer H3 (2007): The 'baby' version of the US military's Humvee 4x4 also qualifies for our Ugly section. Is there room for this utilitarian, gas-guzzling lump in an already overcrowded 4x4 market? I hope not.

THE UGLY

Chrysler Grand Voyager (2008): A proven winner in the people carrier sector for practicality and style, but why did Mercedes-Benz's erstwhile partner have to turn the all-new 2008 model into a box?

Daihatsu Materia (2007): A baby MPV intended to capitalise on the 'rage for retro', but doesn't hit the button in the looks department in the same way as cars like the Mini or Fiat 500.







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Plate	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
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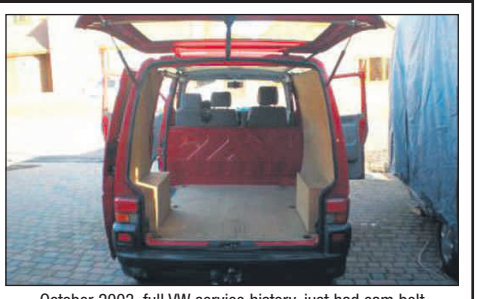
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AWARD: Sally Newall's all-natural ice cream

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A MOTHER is courting interest from major supermarkets after winning a national award for her homemade ice cream.

Sally Newall, 39, from Aldington, makes her own brand of all-natural ice cream in her kitchen, and it has proven so tasty that she has won a national food industry award and has attracted interest from Tesco and Sainsbury's.

Mrs Newall runs Simply Ice Cream, which beat off competition from more than 70 entrants nationwide to scoop the Local Foods prize at the recent Quality Food Awards.

She does all this while also managing two catering firms, Take Three Cooks and Food for Thought, and raising four primary school age children with husband Robin, 38.

Mrs Newall admitted it was "a bit of a juggling act."

The ice cream is currently available at nearby Poulton Farm, which provides many of the ingredients, and at local farm shops and delicatessens.

It comes in a range of flavours, all made using natural ingredients sourced as locally as possible. These include honeycomb crunch, vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and stem ginger and marmalade.

Colin steps down after a life in law

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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A PARTNER at one of Kent's leading law firms is retiring after 48 years in the legal profession.

Colin Hayward worked his way up from the bottom, making tea and filing at a law practice in Sandwich, before going on to set up his own firm.

Mr Hayward, who is now a partner at Kingsfords Solicitors in Ashford, said some of his most memorable cases have involved negotiating the sale and purchase of nursing homes.

Unlike trainee solicitors nowadays, Mr Hayward did not spend around four years training at university – he left school at 15 and took a law course at Dover Technical College, which is now South Kent College.

Ladder

He said: "It was so different then. We were encouraged to look for a profession, but university was not for the majority.

"I had to start at the bottom of the ladder, quite literally making tea and doing the filing."

After qualifying as a solicitor while working at a firm in Canterbury he set up his own practise, Colin Hayward & Co, in 1982. He ran the firm for 17 years.

He said: "For me, this was the fulfilment of a personal ambition. Many legal practitioners aspire to setting up on their own, but very few achieve it."

The practice employed 27 staff before a merger with Kingsfords, Flower & Pain in 1999.

Mr Hayward added: "The decision to merge was an easy one. It was extremely important for me to develop long-term continuity of service for my clients and the merger enabled me to do this.

"Now that I'm retiring, I'm confident that my clients' interests will be represented in the best and most appropriate way."

He said he was looking forward to exploring distant parts of the world with his wife and spending more time with his five grandchildren in retirement.



JOB DONE: Colin Hayward is retiring after a successful career in the legal profession

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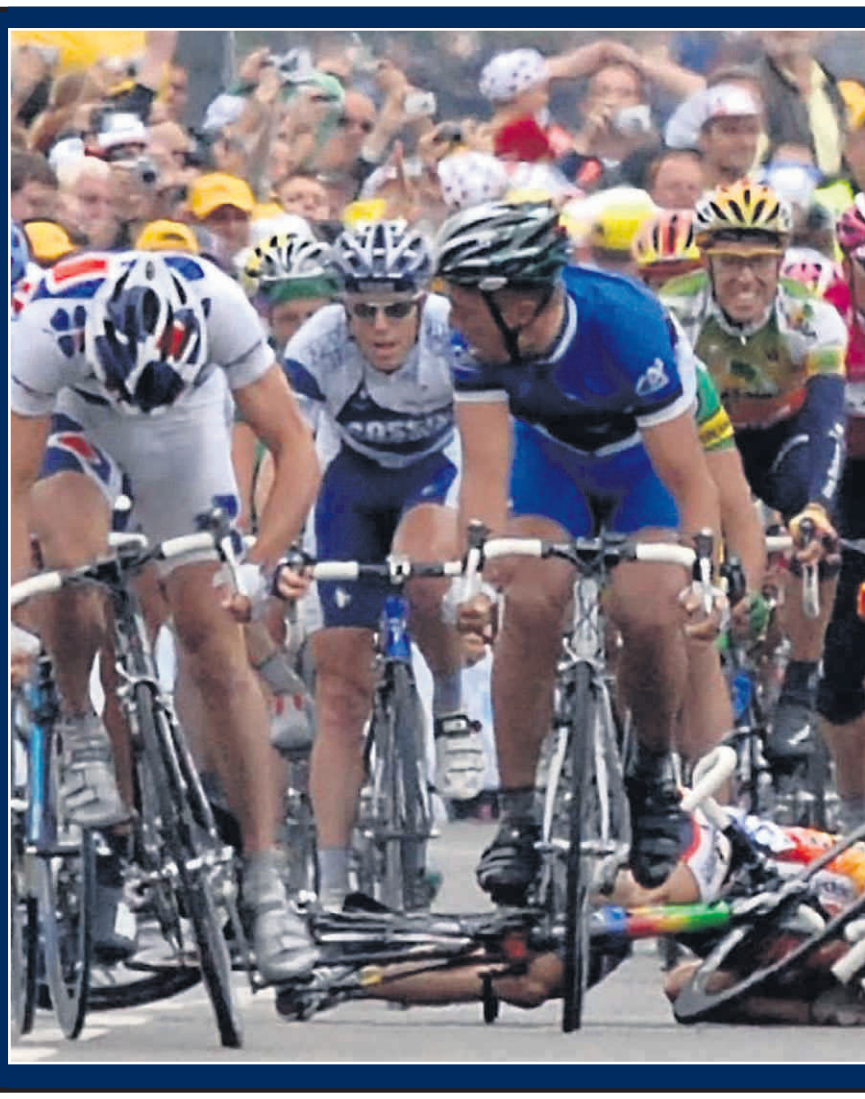
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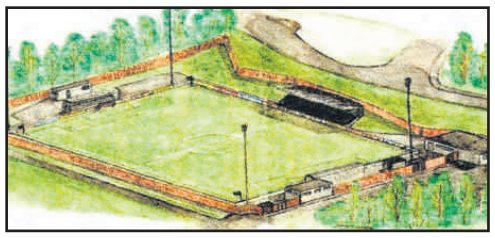
ILL: Andy Fordham

FORMER world darts champ Andy Fordham was rushed to hospital after collapsing in the dressing room before his first round match at Frimley Green.

The Dartford player, known as The Viking, suffered breathing difficulties and was forced to pull out of the tournament and was rushed to hospital. Doctors confirmed Fordham had been suffering from a severe chest infection and six litres of fluid was drained from his lungs.

Friend and 13-time PDC World Darts Champion Phil Taylor said: "If he does not do something about his weight then he is looking at the ultimate – by facing death."

Fordham will no longer receive a bye in the first round of the competition next year.



MAIDSTONE United moved a step closer to a return to the town after work began on a new ground (above) at the former Ministry of Defence site in James Whatman Way.

The club acquired a 99-year lease on the site, courtesy of a £98,000 council loan and it is expected the new ground will be able to host 3,000 supporters.

The total cost of the new venue is believed to be £2m. The club last played in the county town in 1987, but after selling the London Road ground, plans to build a new purpose-built venue fell through and they had to ground share with Dartford.

By 1992 having achieved Football League status, the club collapsed and had to start at the bottom of the football pyramid.

FEBRUARY



RETURN: Nicky Southall

VETERAN midfielder Nicky Southall played his first game in the 3-1 defeat against Huddersfield Town after rejoining Gillingham on the transfer deadline for his third spell at the club.

Ronnie Jepson, Gills manager at the time, said: "When you have a chance of signing a player of that calibre you do your best. Thankfully it has worked out and he is a good addition to the squad."

Alan Pouton was forced to retire from football due to a persistent knee injury. The 30-year-old midfielder played 44 games for the club over three years scoring three goals.

Jepson said: "Sadly his knee won't sustain the games and he doesn't want to end up in a wheelchair, so he has taken the surgeon's advice."



THE WRIGHT STUFF: Ashford Town FC

FORMER Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright became a director of Ryman Division One South strugglers Ashford Town.

Wright hoped to make an impact on the youth set-up at Ashford by taking the role of director of football strategy with an eye on hosting training sessions.

The club's chief executive, Mark Jenner said: "He has been down to the club for a visit and was very enthusiastic at what he saw. He wants to make a contribution to the club which we are delighted about. Ian will be our celebrity on site if you like, which we hope will attract more people to the club."

The ambitious club hopes to refurbish Town's stadium at The Homelands.

MARCH



TRAGEDY: Bob Woolmer

KENT and England cricket legend Bob Woolmer died, leaving fans of the game shocked.

Woolmer played for Kent at the age of 15 and went on to win the county championship with Kent in 1970. He will also be remembered for playing for England in the 1981 Ashes series.

Woolmer retired from playing in 1984 and went into coaching. As a coach he almost guided South Africa to the cricket World Cup in 1999 and was coach of Pakistan since 2005.

Woolmer died in his hotel room after Pakistan were knocked out of the 2007 cricket World Cup in the group stages.



REVIVAL: Canterbury City

AFTER seven years in the wilderness, plans to revive football team Canterbury City were given the go-ahead.

City used to play in the Kent League in 1999 at the Kingsmead Stadium, but the club folded due to lack of interest. At a public meeting, the club were given the go-ahead to begin the rise through the leagues in the British Energy County League. The team now play their fixtures at Bridge Recreation Ground.

Chairman Phil Knight said: "With the demise of the previous club in 1999, an unbroken record of almost 100 years of competitive senior football came to an end. We are delighted with the support we received from the public."

APRIL



MEDAL: Jamie Staff

OLYMPIC cyclist Jamie Staff added to his medal collection by claiming a bronze medal in the World Cycling Championships in Spain.

The Ashford-born cyclist finished third in the Kilo behind eventual winner and fellow teammate Chris Hoy.

Staff hopes to compete in next year's Olympic games in Beijing and achieve his dream of securing the title of Olympic champion.

He said: "It was a last-minute decision for me to compete in the Kilo so the preparation for that event was pretty limited. I only had two weeks to get ready but it was enough time to do some specific training."

After the Olympics, Staff plans to help develop the British BMX squad.



BEATEN: Takaloo

MARGATE boxer Mehrdud Takaloo lost his WBU Welterweight crown in front of a packed 35,000 crowd at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

Takaloo, who was suffering from tonsillitis and struggled to get to the right weight before the title fight against Michael Jennings from Chorley, was on the undercard for Joe Calzaghe's title defence against American Peter Manfredo.

Takaloo had to sweat the weight off in the days after the official weigh in. However, the struggle was in vain as the challenger Jennings took the title in a convincing win on points from the three judges at the event.

Takaloo said: "I was sweating and shivering and my throat was very sore, so I went to the doctor. He said to me 'you're unbelievable.' He couldn't believe I boxed 12 rounds with such a bad infection."

MAY

GRAVESEND & Northfleet chairman Jason Botley announced the club would abandon its name after more than 60 years, opting to change to Ebbsfleet.



NEW NAME: Gravesend and Northfleet was changed to Ebbsfleet

The move was made to boost the club's long-term fortunes by becoming associated with the international railway station of the same name, and nearby Thames Gateway housing project.

Some fans criticised the club for a lack of consultation and feared its heritage would be sacrificed, but Botley defended his decision.

He said: "Fundamentally this is not about leaving Gravesend & Northfleet behind, it's about progressing as a club.

"There will be 20,000 people coming here in the next few years – we want to benefit from that. This is not about losing history and identity, we are a community team."



CUP FINAL: Referee Steve Bennett

TEACHER Steve Bennett became the first referee to take charge of an FA Cup final at the new Wembley Stadium, as Chelsea faced Manchester United.

Bennett said: "It's every referee's dream to officiate the cup final and

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LE TOUR: Thousands lined the county's streets in July to see the first stage of the Tour de France

I guess it makes it extra special because of where it's taking place and the teams that are involved.

"I've been a ref for 23 years now, from local recreation grounds to the very best stadia in the world – so all the pain and sacrifices along the way have been worth it."

The Orpington-based official handed out seven yellow cards as Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba scored the only goal of a forgettable final in extra time, denying United a league-cup double.

JUNE

KENT coach Graham Ford caused controversy after he appeared to verbally accept a one-year deal to coach the India national side.



DEAL: Graham Ford

After the South African travelled to Chennai for an interview, senior officials from the Board of Control for Cricket in India claimed he had agreed to take the role.

But Kent chief executive Paul Millman denied an agreement had ever taken place.

He said: "We gave [Ford] permission to go on a fact-finding mission which he did. But at no point did he ever say yes to the job. He did as was asked, and that was to come back and discuss the situation.

"He's a man of his word and we are delighted he is staying with us."



MATCH POINTS: Naomi Cavaday

CHISLEHURST youngster Naomi Cavaday came within a whisker of pulling off a Wimbledon giant-killing – but failed to capitalise on two match points against former champion Martina Hingis.

The 18-year-old, who was 233 in the world rankings, showed flashes of her potential as she took the first set 6-7.

The second set saw Cavaday within a point of a famous triumph, only for Hingis to fight back. She took the second set 7-5 and swept to victory by winning the deciding set 6-0.

After the game, Cavaday said: "I knew I'd have to raise my game more than I ever had before and I did that. I gave absolutely everything into staying in that second set."

JULY

THE sun-drenched streets of Kent hosted one of the world's biggest sporting events as the Tour de France swept through the county.

The day after the race got underway with the Prologue in London, more than two million people lined the 126-mile stage, which took in Dartford, Medway, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Ashford.

Britain's David Millar broke away early on and looked set to record a stage win, but he was caught in the closing stages.

Australian star Robbie McEwan took the stage win at the bunch sprint in Canterbury.

Spanish rider Alberto Contador took the overall title in Paris three weeks later by just 23 seconds, but once again the tour was overshadowed by the spectre of drugs, with several riders thrown out for failing dope tests.

KAREN Stupples made an impressive return to competitive action three months after giving birth with a share of second place at the Ladies English Open.



RETURN: Karen Stupples

The Chart Hills course in Biddenden hosted the event, which Wales' Becky Brewerton won with a final round of 68 to finish three shots clear.

Stupples said: "I'm so happy. Tied for second – what more could I ask for really?

"When it came to the crunch, a lack of competition took its toll. Really I exceeded any kind of expectations I had for the week and I can only be really happy with what I've done."

Dani Masters finished tied for 16th on her home course to continue her successful second season as a professional.

AUGUST

KENT lifted their first trophy in six years after beating Sussex in the semi-final and then Gloucestershire in the final of the Twenty20 Cup at Edgbaston.



FINAL GLORY: Darren Stevens

Requiring six runs from the final three balls, Darren Stevens (pictured) struck the next ball for four. The boundary proved enough though, because bowler Carl Greenidge had overstepped in his run up to concede a no-ball, which is worth two runs under Twenty20 rules.

Ryan McLaren also starred, taking the first hat-trick in a Twenty20 final.

Earlier on finals' day, Rob Key struck an unbeaten 68 as the Spitfires beat much-fancied Sussex Sharks in the semi-final.

Coach Graham Ford said: "It was very special. Every player at the start of the season dreams about winning some silverware."



BRONZE: Cathy Gilliat-Smith

CANTERBURY stars Mel Clewlow and Cathy Gilliat-Smith helped England to a bronze medal at the EuroHockey Nations Championships, held in Manchester.

A defeat to Germany ended their hopes of gold, but the team beat Spain 3-2 to clinch a medal and one of the automatic qualifying places to the Beijing Olympics.

Gilliat-Smith said: "I am delighted to win bronze, we are all chuffed to bits. We all wanted to make it to Beijing and no one wanted to go through qualifying."

SEPTEMBER

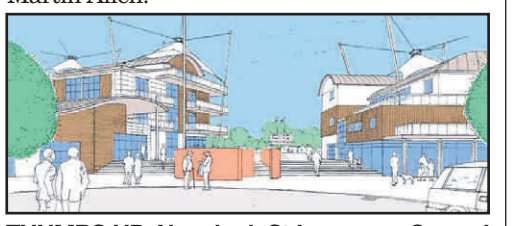
GILLINGHAM chairman Paul Scally began his search for a new boss at Priestfield Stadium after Ronny Jepson quit the club six games into the new season.



THE END: Ronnie Jepson

Jepson resigned on September 9, after losing five of those six games in charge which ended his 22-month spell at the club. Scally put Mick Docherty and Iffy Onoura in temporary charge as he looked for a new man to fill the hot seat.

Docherty and Onoura did not hide their desires for the job on a more permanent basis, but away results ended their chances. Little did they know how long they were to remain in caretaker capacity. Names thrown into the hat straightaway were Micky Adams and Martin Allen.



THUMBS UP: New-look St Lawrence Ground

SEPTEMBER will go down as an important month in Kent's history after the club secured its future in division one of the County Championship, and plans to redevelop the St Lawrence Ground were given the thumbs up.

Kent unexpectedly secured their status after winning by 10 wickets in their penultimate game against Hampshire at the Rose Bowl. They stayed in division one as Warwickshire were relegated after folding at Old Trafford against Lancashire.

Off the field, members voted in favour of plans to redevelop the Canterbury ground which includes the construction of a 130-bedroom hotel that will help finance the improvement of stands as well as conference facilities and an office block.

Work on the redevelopment is to begin in the New Year and is to be completed before the start of the 2009 season.

OCTOBER

KENT'S Joe Denly reflected on a good 2007 season opening the batting for the club and being involved with the England Lions.



POTENTIAL: Joe Denly

It was quite a year for the 21-year-old who took over the mantle from David Fulton at the top of the innings, helping Kent to retain their division one status and playing a big part in the side's Twenty20 campaign which saw the county lift the cup at Edgbaston.

He hit more than 1,000 runs in the County Championship in his first full season as a batsmen – a figure that helped him get recognised as he was picked for the England Lions team that took on a strong India side in the summer.

His innings of 83 at the top of the order further outlined his credentials as an England opening batsmen for the future and he was picked for this winter's England Performance Programme.

THE England rugby team displayed great courage in reaching the World Cup final, with ex-Tunbridge Wells schoolboy Martin Corry standing out.

The Leicester Tigers forward missed out on the victorious 2003 campaign down under, but was instrumental in helping England overcome Australia and France to reach the final against South Africa.

The England number eight, speaking exclusively to Kent on Sunday, said: "We came away after the game feeling down, but it's nice when the more people you talk to help you to put everything else into perspective and you realise that getting to the final was one hell of an achievement."



FINAL DEFEAT: Martin Corry

NOVEMBER



AT LAST: Paul Scally unveils Mark Stimson

GILLINGHAM finally ended their eight-week search for a manager when chairman Paul Scally unveiled ex-Stevenage and Grays boss, Mark Stimson to the media.

Scally said he had interviewed several candidates but was convinced he had found the right man for the job when he met Stimson.

Stimson resigned from his post as manager at Stevenage on October 17, but was unable to begin talks with the Gills until November when former manager Peter Taylor took over at Broadhall Way.

Scally said: "Managers at a senior level have said he is a fantastic coach and a great manager and he is going to go on and do very well. I suppose that's what persuaded me to wait and be patient."

EBBSFLEET United became the first football in the UK to be owned by a website.

The 20,000 members of MyFootballClub.co.uk put money into the site in order to buy shares in a football club.

Their £700,000 bid for Kent club Ebbsfleet proved successful and they now own a 51 per cent controlling stake in the team.

Their share of Ebbsfleet means they all became directors of the club and will be involved in the day-to-day running, including deciding who head coach Liam Daish picks for each game and new signings at the club.

The website's founder, Will Brooks, said: "We believe Ebbsfleet United is the perfect choice. We hope MyFootballClub members and Ebbsfleet United supporters will join forces and make the football club successful."

DECEMBER



HEARTACHE: Stefan Davis

A MIX-UP at the Wales Rally GB cost Maidstone-based driver Stefan Davis the British Rally Championship Super 1600 title.

Davis was left heartbroken after losing the title by just two minutes after going into the final race of the season in pole position, and having to just finish the 230-mile Wales Rally GB to claim the championship.

However, a misunderstanding with officials meant Davis missed out on racing the last leg and ultimately led to him losing out.

Davis said: "It hurt to lose the title after coming so close in my debut season. It ripped my heart out. Without this success I will really struggle to encourage backing for 2008 and my short-lived career will be over."

SIR Trevor Brooking took time out of his role in offering the England job to Fabio Capello, to visit Maidstone to support the Kent FA's blueprint for grassroots football up to 2012.



SUPPORT: Sir Trevor Brooking

Launched by Kent FA chairman Barry Bright and chief executive Keith Masters, the strategy has four key aims to address during the next five years: pitches and facilities, respect in the game, leadership and governance and development and support.

It is to run alongside a national strategy in which the FA hope to be able to stream money down to grassroots level.

Sir Trevor said: "Football is perceived to be awash with money, but at community level that is far from the case."

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FOREIGN PLAYERS THREATEN RUGBY

Influx of overseas stars is damaging game, warns RFU chief

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

RUGBY clubs in Kent are healthy and well-run, but they must be careful not to "destroy" themselves by taking on too many foreign players, say RFU chiefs Martyn Thomas and Francis Baron.

Earlier this month the International Rugby Board chairman Dr Syd Millar said he felt an influx of overseas players was damaging the British game.

RFU chairman Thomas agrees with Dr Millar and says the sport's governing body are virtually powerless to prevent the problem.

He said: "You hear stories about clubs that have destroyed themselves by relying too much on overseas players. When they move on there is nothing left and they spiral down through the leagues.

"I think clubs have to discipline themselves. A club is not about getting up a couple of divisions in the next couple of years. Hopefully it is about still being here in 30 years' time, so you can't build on relying on transient players. But there is not much we can do about it because clubs are independent."

While the spotlight has been on the quantity of overseas players in the elite game, RFU chief executive Francis Baron believes it can be just as much of a problem at grassroots level.

Desire

He told Kent on Sunday: "You often come across clubs that in their desire to go from, say league level eight to league level five, they use Antipodean players who are here for maybe a couple of years and then they are off. If you build your success on players who are itinerant and you have too many of them in the club, the club will implode when they all go.

"There are so many examples around the country of that happening and the club goes into freefall because they have got promoted to an unsustainable league level – the foreign players go and the club crashes down through the leagues.

"Nobody likes to be in a club that is spiralling down so the club actually is in danger of collapsing. We try and get the message across that clubs have to be disciplined, they have to think carefully before taking in too many foreign players."

Despite the warnings, Baron does not think Kent's clubs are badly affected by the problem. On the contrary, he is full of praise for the county's teams.

He said: "Kent is a very well-run county, it has got some fantastic volunteers who have done a great job over the years. Most of South East England is healthy and economically thriving. Most of the problems facing clubs are related to growing and developing rather than in other counties clubs are struggling to survive."



WORDS OF WARNING: Martyn Thomas says clubs should plan for long-term future and not rely on buying foreign players in a bid for quick success

With 95 per cent of the RFU's revenue coming directly from the England senior team, the rugby body is fearful of the impact too many foreign players could have on team's fortunes and the knock-on effect for the game in the rest of the country.

Baron said: "The finances of the whole game depend on the success of the England team. If you haven't got a system that develops young England players, you will never have a good England team.

"The whole thing has to be a virtuous circle of investing in young talent to have a great England team which will generate more money to invest in the game grassroots and elite.

"If you have too many foreign players in you end up in a situation where, maybe they have this in soccer now, it is difficult to have a competitive national side because there aren't enough talented youngsters coming through."

To prevent rugby following football and having Premiership teams completely made up of foreign players, the RFU have acted. Although the governing body cannot place quotas on the number of non-English players in squads, they can make it more attractive for teams to nurture home-grown talent.

In the new deal agreed with teams from the top tier last month, they included incentives for clubs to field players eligible to play for England.

Instead of paying money into a central pool which is then divided equally between the 12 teams, the RFU will now pay each team depending on how many players are selected for the senior national side.

This will be supplemented from July by payments for the number of English qualified players they have in their match day squads, which Baron thinks will help solve the problem.

He said: "We negotiated this new arrangement with the clubs to make sure we have a structure that delivers the right number of English-qualified players so we always have a strong pool to choose England teams from.

"I think with all these things it is about getting the balance right. Having some great overseas international players playing in England is helpful because it brings in the crowds they can pass on the experience to other youngsters playing in the team.

"To have some is great, fantastic, but our message is don't make the club dependent on them."

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